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## Rally will seek school-debt relief

West Contra Costa district to make case with legislators May 11 in Sacramento

By Suzanne Pardington

STAFF WRITER

Local parents, teachers, elected officials and merchants plan to rally in Sacramento next month for relief of the \$21 million state debt owed by the West Contra Costa school district.

A round of lobbying calls to state legislators will follow the May 11 rally on the steps of the state Capitol — the product of a yearlong grassroots campaign to galvanize support for freeing up the district's \$1.85 million annual loan payment.

The state loan saved the district from near bankruptcy in 1991, but community leaders say West Contra Costa County children should not continue to suffer for the district's past mistakes.

School board President Glen Price said the strategy is to show state lawmakers that the district is in the midst of a renaissance — with a new superintendent, two recent voter-approved bond and parcel-tax measures, and the resolve to turn around student performance in a district where 29 schools are designated as underperforming by the state.

"Once we get on the radar screens of those who are responsible for educational policy, we can convince them that it's important," said Price of the debt relief.

In some eyes, there's really only one lawmaker who matters: Gov. Gray Davis. Assemblywoman Dion Aroner, D-Berkeley, who has helped the community group Richmond Vision 2000 plan the rally, said Davis is interested in helping the struggling district, but has not voiced his support to forgive the debt for fear of setting a precedent.

Aroner said she thinks state lawmakers will go along if Davis endorses the relief.

"The Legislature is willing to bite the bullet and help the district take off, but they want to make sure the governor will be a full partner with them," Aroner said.

The rally comes at the height of the legislative season and budgeting process, when interests from across the state push for a slice of the state's estimated \$10 billion surplus. The California Teachers Association is planning a rally earlier the same week to pressure lawmakers into raising per-pupil spending to the national average.

The district also is up against a state push for accountability in schools, which may make some lawmakers wary of being perceived as too lenient with struggling districts, community leaders say.

An emergency loan has never been forgiven, according to a consultant in the finance office of the state Department of Education.

Two Southern California districts — Compton Unified and Coachella Valley — have debts from similar emergency bailouts, but are scheduled to pay them off in the next two years. Neither district is lobbying for forgiveness.

Hilary McLean, the governor's deputy press secretary, said Davis hasn't taken an official position on debt relief for West Contra Costa County, but he did not incorporate any relief in his January budget proposal.

"In theory it could be included in the next (draft) budget, but there's no indi-

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JOANNA JHANDA

LINDA GIDDINGS has worked for the city since 1983, and has been El Cerrito's city clerk since November 1990.

## The official record keeper

Information flow depends on city clerk

By J.R. Deaton

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — When asked about those persistent rumors that she is the one who actually runs the city, City Clerk Linda M. Giddings laughs and shakes her head no, as if the very thought is just too silly to contemplate.

But there is a twinkle in her eye that says more than words.

"No, no, I don't actually run the city," she is quick to point out. "People always say the city clerk is actually the one who runs the city. They've always said that," Giddings says, suppressing a grin. "The city clerk has a unique position in working with department heads, the city manager, the council and the public."

Giddings started as a stenography clerk in August of 1983 and worked her way through the ranks to become city

clerk in November, 1990. The 56-year-old El Cerrito resident has two grown children and two grandchildren — and has the pictures to prove it on her desk at City Hall.

Although she doesn't actually run City Hall, Giddings does many things important to the civic weal in her capacity as city clerk and secretary to the city manager.

The city clerk is the official record-keeper of El Cerrito. She is the go-to per-

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## EC mulls going digital

City considers high-tech ways to keep meeting records

By J.R. Deaton

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — A record of City Council meetings may soon be available to videotape or digital-format archives for public review. At its April 17 meeting, the City Council instructed staff to explore such innovative possibilities to record council meetings.

Councilman Larry Damon began discussion of the possible changes by suggesting the use of "action minutes" and videotape instead of the traditional meeting notes the city currently uses.

Essentially, action minutes record the actions taken by the council or council members, not the discussions prior to the action or vote. Damon said the videotape would serve as the detailed record of the meetings.

"By using action minutes, we get rid of the problem of accurately recording our statements as well as capturing, condensing and reinterpreting the statements made by citizens and others," Damon said in a detailed written description of his proposal. "The videotape records of our meetings should be provided in the

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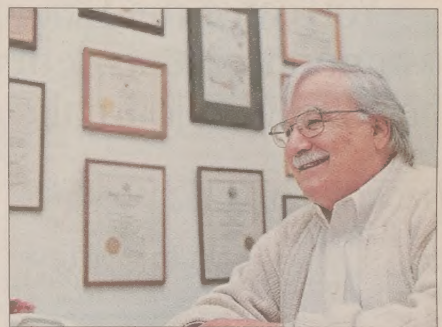
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## Emergency training

NEIGHBORHOOD EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TEAM trainees await instruction on how to lift heavy objects off a trapped victim at the NEAT training course held the morning of Saturday, April 8, at the El Cerrito corporate yard.



JOANNA JHANDA

LARRY RUGAARD is stepping down after 15 years at the Stege helm.

## Changing of guard at Stege Sanitary District

By J.R. Deaton

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Larry Rugaard may be retiring as district manager of Stege Sanitary District, but he's not a retiring kind of guy.

The 68-year-old father of three and grandfather of 10 plans to do some golfing and traveling, but mostly he plans to continue his engineering consulting business after he retires from 15 years of service as manager of Stege.

"Prior to that, I spent 25 years as an environmental engineer and consultant," Rugaard said earlier this week. "I'm retiring, actually, to go back into the consulting business. I have an active firm that is going to be continuing."

Today is Rugaard's last day in the Stege offices. His official retirement date is Sunday, April 30.

Rugaard is proud of the accomplishments made during his Stege tenure and plans to be an advocate for the Stege way of doing things.

Stege was acknowledged as the Collection System of the Year 1998, by the San Francisco Bay Section of the California Water Environment Association. In August, Rugaard received the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA)

1999 Outstanding Service Award and Stege received the 1999 CASA Innovation Award.

"One of the things I'm going to do, as an environmental engineering consultant, is hopefully take the systems that we've developed here in managing utility systems and expand it to anybody who wants to use it," he said. "It's a really excellent system for infrastructure, capacity, operation, maintenance and management systems. What I want to do is just pass the word out, show people how to do it, and get it done."

Stege Sanitary District, founded in 1913, serves 13,600 households in El Cerrito, Kensington and a portion of the Richmond Annex. Stege is an independent state special district and has more than 158 miles of sewerage-collection pipes and two pump stations in its care. The district collects sewage and delivers it to East Bay Municipal Utility District for treatment.

The district's total budget, according to Rugaard, varies between \$2 million and \$4 million annually, depending on the capital replacements and repairs planned each year.

The district has technology Ed Norton

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WORTH CHECKING OUT

Art group's spring show

The El Cerrito Art Association's 24th Spring Show will be held April 28-30 at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane. Categories in the open, non-juried exhibit include: oil and acrylic, watercolor, collage, graphics, pastel and mixed media, sculpture, photography (color, black and white), and Asian art style. Entry fees are \$5 per work for members, \$8 per work for non-members.

Jack London Book Fair

The Jack London Book & Paper Collectibles Fair, one of the area's largest sale of books, ephemera and paper collectibles, returns to the Radisson Hotel at the Berkeley Marina on Sunday from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Admission is \$6. Details: 510 444-2159.

Bringing Back Steelhead

Jeff Miller, founder of Alameda Creek Alliance, talks about challenges and successes in restoring runs of threatened steelhead in the East Bay's largest creek, 7 p.m., Monday, May 1, downstairs at Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin. For information, call Friends of Five Creeks, 510-848-9358 or f5creeks@aol.com.

Wine, food, silent auction

The Albany YMCA's eighth Annual Wine & Food Tasting and Silent Auction will be held on April 29, 4-7 p.m., at the Al-

bany YMCA, 921 Kains Ave. in Albany. All proceeds will benefit the Y's adult and youth scholarship fund. Come and taste a variety of premium California wines and delicious foods from popular local restaurants. Child care is available. Tickets available for \$25, at the door \$30. Call 525-1130 for more information.

'Beethoven Enneagram'

"The Beethoven Enneagram — The 9 Enneagram Personality Types as Heard in the Beethoven Piano Sonatas" will be performed by its composer, Elizabeth Wagele, Friday, April 28, 8 p.m., at the Unitarian/Universalist Church, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. Guest pianist is Jacqueline Divenyi. Tickets: \$10, \$7 at the door. Details: Arlene Dimmick, 510-524-3664.

Bike to Work Day

Sustainable El Cerrito and the City of El Cerrito will staff an "energizer station" at Del Norte BART station (Ohlone Greenway) on May 16, Bike to Work Day, during morning commute hours. The West County Sierra Club Group will have an energizer station at Plaza BART. This year's event will feature a drawing for great prizes for everyone who pledges to bike to work. Details: www.rides.org.

Restore a Salt Marsh

Join Friends of Five Creeks and the California Native Plant Society in clearing

invasive ice plant from the salt marsh at the mouth of Codornices and Marin Creeks, 9:30 a.m., Saturday, May 6, on the south side of Buchanan Street, between Interstate 580 and Golden Gate Fields. Bring work gloves if you have them. For information, call 510-848-9358 or f5creeks@aol.com.

Access to health care

California is currently enjoying a \$6 billion surplus, and expects to receive annually \$500 million from the national lawsuit against the tobacco companies. PICO, the Pacific Institute for Community Organization, of which CCISCO (Contra Costa Interfaith Sponsoring Committee) is a member, is sponsoring an evening in Sacramento with Gov. Gray Davis and legislators to urge that some of those funds be used to improve health care for working families. They invite you to help in this important struggle. The meeting will be Tuesday, May 2, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at the Sacramento Convention Center, Sacramento, CA, 13th and J streets. Free buses with free food and water will be going to Sacramento from all over California, including San Francisco, Concord and Richmond. Buses will leave around 4 p.m. All are welcome, including children. The bus should be back by 10:30 p.m. Details: Joan Bartulovich, 510-232-1136.

El Cerrito Chamber

By Sewall Glinernick

for El Cerrito Day At The Races on May 17 at Golden Gate Fields.

Cost for this event is \$35 per person, which includes valet parking, admission to the Turf Club and a sit-down luncheon in the VIP Directors Room.

Open to the general public, tickets for this event may be obtained at 510-233-7040.

Principals for a day

Five members recently took advantage of the opportunity to follow the heads of area schools as they carried out their working duties.

Chamber volunteers who participated in this year's West Contra Costa Unified District's observance of the national Principal For A Day program included Maria Galaviz, Marge Collins, Vera Plant, Bill Kerber and Chris Treadway.

The program's goal is to allow members of the El Cerrito business community to view the world of education from a new perspective - thus creating better communication between educators and business people.

Thieves target Toyota Camrys

By K. Osborn  
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — On the morning of April 17, workers at a construction site on the 500 block of Pierce Street reported that over the weekend vandals had damaged two large pumps by pulling out wires and gauges and by hitting the engine with an unknown object.

■ At about noon on April 17, a resident on the 1200 block of Marin Avenue reported that she had been away from home for about a half hour. When she returned, she discovered that thieves entered her home through a rear window and stole items.

■ On the evening of April 17, officers responded to the Albany Pool area on reports that a subject was asking people for money. Officers contacted the 32-year-old man and advised him not to panhandle. He left the area.

■ A resident on the 400 block of Jackson Street on the morning of April 18 reported that during the night, vandals broke into his blue 1989 Toyota Camry and attempted to steal it by breaking into the steering column. The attempt was unsuccessful and the subject departed unseen.

■ A resident on the 600 block of Jackson Street reported on the morning of April 18 that during the night, thieves stole her blue 1986 Toyota Camry.

■ A resident on the 600 block of Jackson Street reported on the morning of April 18 that vandals had attempted to break into their gray 1991 Toyota Camry.

■ A resident on the 900 block of Fillmore Street reported on the morning of April 18 that during the night, thieves stole his blue 1991 Toyota Camry that was parked in his driveway.

■ On the afternoon of April 18, a resident on the 500 block of Pierce

Street reported that thieves had broken into her blue 1993 Nissan by smashing the window. They tore up the inside of the vehicle and departed unseen.

■ An employee of a restaurant on the 900 block of San Pablo Avenue reported that on April 18 at about 5:15 p.m. that two men entered the business, slapped and hit her, and stole money. They were gone from the area when officers arrived.

■ At about 9 p.m. on April 18, a resident on the 900 block of Peralta Avenue reported that vandals had just thrown a rock through his front window. He did not see the vandals.

■ At about 11 p.m. on April 18, a resident on the 800 block of Buchanan Street reported that vandals had thrown a bottle and a rock at his car and broke the window.

■ At about 11:30 p.m. on April 18, officers contacted a subject who appeared to be tampering with motorcycles on the 800 block of Curtis Street.

He was seen struggling to load an 1989 Yamaha motorcycle and a 1996 Yamaha motorcycle into a red 1987 Nissan pickup truck.

The subject, an 18-year-old Richmond man, told officers that he was just loading his own bikes and that none of his stuff was stolen.

He then ran. El Cerrito police, along with a K-9 unit, arrived to assist with the search for the subject.

He was found on a roof of a residence on the 800 block of Jackson Street. The two motorcycles were found to have been taken from a residence on the 700 block of Taft Street.

The suspect was arrested and transported to the Berkeley jail. His truck was impounded and the owner of the motorcycles was notified.

■ On the evening of April 19, a resident on the 1500 block of Francis Street reported that someone had thrown an egg into his home through an open window. He found the bro-

POLICE REPORT

ken egg on the carpet. ■ On the night of April 18, officers stopped a white 1991 Cavalier on Marin Avenue and on the 900 block of San Pablo Avenue for a vehicle check. The driver, a 20-year-old man, was found to have standing warrant from the amount of \$3,000 for charges. He also had a suspended driver's license. He was arrested, cited and released on bail to appear.

■ At about 10 p.m. on April 18, a resident on the 900 block of Buchanan Avenue reported that she was mugged about 20 minutes before 10 p.m. by a group of seven black males, 18 years old. She said that the group pushed her into a car and stole her money and an audio cassette. She was last seen running toward Solano Avenue and when officers arrived.

■ At about 12:30 a.m. on April 20, Sacramento police were called to a residence on the 1500 block of Francis Street where a stolen car was towed and the owner was notified.

■ On the afternoon of April 18, a resident on the 1000 block of Taft Street reported that he described as a black male, 18 years old, wearing a white shirt and black pants, was seen running from the side of his maroon 1991 while it was parked on the Ventura Avenue. The car was towed and the owner was notified.

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Making a good impression

If you're a retailer, professional or business owner who would like to make a good first impression on potential clients and customers, you would do well to contact Chamber member Keith Jeffers.

No newcomer to the local business scene, Jeffers and his firm, Unparalleled Lines Graphic Design Studio, located at 309 El Cerrito Plaza, has been in El Cerrito for 15 of the 20 years it's been in business.

"Now more than ever," says Jeffers, "a business is judged by its public face. Graphic elements are often the public's first exposure to a business, and that first impression is critical. And that goes double for the Internet, where the time to make a good impression is so brief."

Making sure that clients make the best possible impression, with everything from their ads to their stationery, is the specialty of Unparalleled Lines.

They supply print designs for advertising and promotion, signage and display for outdoor use, produce identity designs and event logos, coordinate campaign visuals, design Web sites, illustrate and photo edit, design packaging, and write copy and scripts.

The company's skill at all these

tasks is testified to by the 16 awards they've earned in the past and the fact they have over 70 companies, shopping malls and business associations, many located in El Cerrito, as clients today.

Jeffers was doing graduate work in Sanskrit at UC Berkeley when he attended a lecture on deciding what a person wanted to do with his life.

He pondered that question and decided he liked illustrating, cartooning and writing for the college humor magazine, thus giving birth to his career as a graphic artist.

While Jeffers does the creative work, his wife, Ellen, handles the marketing, accounting and office management.

The couple have a 15-year-old daughter, Alexandra.

More reinvestments

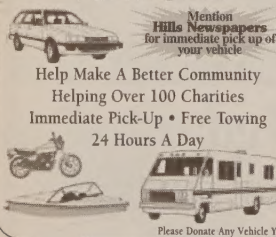
Five more members have shown their support for the chamber by reinvesting during the past two weeks: McDonalds of El Cerrito, Shields Nursing Center, West County Unified School District, Bank of the West, and the Women's Club of El Cerrito.

Hurry, last chance

With the deadline fast approaching, there are still a few tickets left

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# San Pablo Avenue gets group's attention

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RICHMOND — From El Cerrito to Crockett, the San Pablo Avenue corridor is the artery connected to the heart of West Contra Costa County.

The 15-mile thoroughfare that winds through and around West Contra Costa County may someday sport public art and colorful banners to match the region's rich history.

That is, if the West County Alliance, a group of business and civic leaders, can come up with the money to pay for the "Avenue of the Arts" project.

"People don't necessarily come away with any identity or special sense of the communities when they drive through," said Michael Wiley, chairman of the alliance. "This is an opportunity to show that we can change and upgrade the appearance of these communities."

Alliance members say an arts pro-

ject could give commuters a glimpse of West County's diverse neighborhoods and uplift the appearance of mom-and-pop stores along the avenue.

"As you drive it, the city of San Pablo, for example, has some beautiful landscaping," said Judy Morgan, alliance member and president of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce. "Hopefully, people would stop and want to ... shop along the avenue."

The alliance was formed in 1998 with the agreement of El Cerrito, Hercules, Pinole, Richmond and San Pablo to change what its members perceive to be a negative image of West County.

The members meet monthly to discuss culture, education, and economic development and plan projects.

The alliance's plan is to find points along the 15-mile stretch of San Pablo Avenue where murals, banners or public art pieces could

educate commuters or pedestrians about a city's identity. The project could take five years or more, but the alliance wants the public to be aware of its fund-raising effort now.

Its first goal is to raise seed money before laying out an official plan. Originally, \$5,000 was to be set aside for a millennium banner program during the holiday season. But the idea folded after few donors stepped forward.

For the past six months, the alliance has been working with the West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee to prepare grant program applications.

WCCTAC and the alliance suffered a setback in March when a grant application for transportation for livable communities was denied.

"It was a very competitive grant program," said Lisa Hammon, WCCTAC managing director. "There's not a lot of opportunities for things like public art, but I'm going to see

if there's anything else."

The alliance is awaiting word on a couple of other proposals. If the funding is secured, the alliance would like artists to paint murals similar to displays in Hercules, Pinole and Richmond.

"I love good ideas," said Jeff Nathanson, an alliance member and arts management consultant. "Ultimately, it would improve San Pablo Avenue to such an extent that it would help create recognition for the region."

Meanwhile, other work on San Pablo Avenue has been going on for a few years. Project Interconnect, a \$6.5 million plan paid for with state and federal funds, will synchronize traffic lights to ease peak-hour congestion and decrease emissions.

The project, scheduled to be completed in 2001, may be ahead of schedule, Hammon said.

## IN BRIEF

### Food to furniture

Community Development Manager Gerald Raycraft reported earlier this month that a new tenant, HomeLife Furniture, will be moving into the former FoodsCo building on Eastshore Boulevard.

Raycraft noted that retail broker Jim Fletcher is "extremely supportive of the proposed tenant" and "is confident that he has explored every option in trying to find a quality tenant," for the building.

"Other real offers were from non-sales tax generators, for example a bowling alley and self-storage," Raycraft said.

City staff have met with the new tenant and Raycraft reported that the only improvements to the building will probably be a change of signs.

"On the other hand, this means that the approval process will be short and we can quickly get a tenant in this building which now has been vacant for almost two years," Raycraft noted.

### 'Honda of Richmond'

As part of its routine "consent calendar" business, the Richmond Design Review Board approved Honda of El Cerrito design plans for its new dealership a little south and across the street from its current San Pablo Avenue location.

The new dealership will remain mostly in El Cerrito. However, a small corner of the proposed building and a rear northwest corner of the vehicle storage area is located within Richmond's boundaries and so required the Richmond DRB's attention.

"The Design Review Board approved the application without comment and forwarded a recommendation to its Planning Commission that the project be approved with conditions," El Cerrito Community Development Manager Gerald Raycraft said in an April 13 report to the City Council and city manager.

Richmond's Planning Commission is scheduled to consider the Honda of El Cerrito matter May 4.

### Local scientists win national honor

ALBANY — Two scientists — one from the USDA Forest Service and the other from the University of California — have been honored for exceptional research in aquatic resource protection and restoration.

Kathleen R. Matthews and Roland A. Knapp are co-winners of a Rise to the Future Award presented by the Forest Service and seven fisheries organizations.

The award was presented to the two honorees on April 12, in Washington, D.C., by Mike Dombeck, Forest Service chief, on behalf of the agency, and the American Fisheries Society, American Rivers, American Sport Fishing Association, International Association of Fish and

Wildlife Agencies, Izaak Walton League, Pacific Rivers Council, and Trout Unlimited.

Matthews is a research fisheries biologist with the Forest Service's Pacific Southwest Research Station, headquartered at Albany, and Knapp is a research scientist with University of California's Sierra Nevada Aquatic Research Laboratory, at Mammoth Lakes.

For the past five years, the two have been studying the decline of amphibians in protected areas, including National Parks and wilderness, in the Sierra Nevada of California.

Their studies on the effects of fish stocking on native biota, including amphibians, have shown that introducing non-native fish, particularly several species of trout, has resulted in the decline of amphibians, including the mountain yellow-legged frog and Pacific tree frog, and reptiles, including the garter snake.

Matthews and Knapp also found that removing fish from lakes could reverse the decline of mountain yellow-legged frog. This finding, they say, can help policymakers decide on the appropriate fishery management practices in protected areas.

They have reported their results in the journals Conservation Biology and International Journal of Wilderness as well as in forthcoming issues on Ecosystem and Copeia.

Awards were given in six categories: Public Awareness, Collaborative Aquatic Resource Stewardship, Recreational Fishery Resources Accomplishments, Professional Excellence, Monitoring, and Research Achievement. Matthews and Knapp were the only honorees in the research category.

### Diploma bound

Brie Adams, daughter of Nancy Adams of El Cerrito, will graduate May 14 from the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Wash.

Adams graduated from Albany High School. She leaves Puget Sound with a major in natural science with an emphasis in biology.

### Memorial tree honors Harland Hand

EL CERRITO — The El Cerrito Garden Club recently purchased an incense cedar tree as a memorial to well-known garden designer Harland Hand, who died in 1998.

Hand designed at least 20 Bay Area gardens as well as painstakingly developing his own El Cerrito garden into an attraction that continues to be available for group tours. Call 525-9648 for tour details.

The memorial tree was planted by members of the Garden Club and Hand's sister, Lou Schley, in the El Cerrito Foundation Memorial Grove, near the entrance to the Recycling Center.

For information, call 215-4382.

# Poets honored at 74th annual dinner

Poets and friends of poetry assembled March 11 at the Emeryville Holiday Inn to celebrate the winners of the 74th annual Poets' Dinner contest.

Preceding the reading of winning poems, Mills College professor Pamela Bloch spoke about the writing of "Mrs. Dumpty," her book of poems. She read from the book, speaking about poetry's liberating power, the power of words to heal.

In the contest, which brought contestants from as far away as Cincinnati and as near as Emeryville, "Panorama of the Oncology ward" brought Evelyn Powell of Davis the grand prize. Eliciting special applause were poems on hazards posed by the Three Gorges Dam and the negative effect of critical advice.

The sole three-time winner was Larry Summy of Castro Valley, who second prize in Beginnings and Endings for "The Unraveling," first honorable mention for "Rebecca," a poem, and second honorable mention for "In a Nutshell," Answers. Eight were twice honored. John Lowe of Berkeley commanded first

prize for a Poet's Choice entry, "The Poet," and third for "Migration," Nature.

Robin Michel of Fremont took first prize for "In Our Marriage Bed," Spaces & Places, and third honorable mention for "April 20, 1999," Poet's Choice.

Charlene Villella from Pleasanton placed second with "Conversations at the Local Train Station," People, and third for "Popcorn and Balconies," Love.

Gayle Eleanor of Concord garnered first prize in Beginnings & Endings with "African Olympia," second for a Love poem, "First Kiss."

From Martinez Dorothy Bodwell turned up to win second prize for "Grandson," Poet's Choice, second honorable mention for "Loaves and Fishes," People.

One-time winners were: From Emeryville, Tanya Joyce, third honorable mention for an Answers poem, "Hungry I Reach Into the Soup Pot." From Berkeley, Phyllis Smith took first honorable mention, Beginnings & Endings, for "Healthy Habits" and Carolyn Scarr second

honorable mention for "Rewrite," Poet's Choice.

"Walk the Talk" brought Herb Levy of El Cerrito first honorable mention in Humor, and with "Monarchs" Arline Lawrence of Richmond captured second honorable mention in Spaces & Places.

Third prizes went to Oaklanders Barbara Minton for "Returning to the Piano," Beginnings & Endings and William Landis for "Ligne de Rupture," Spaces & Places. Other winning Oaklanders were Nancy Warder, first honorable mention for "Autumn Equinox," Poet's Choice, and Helen Malkerson third honorable mention for a Nature entry, "To a Woodrat."

Mary Rudge came from Alameda to claim third honorable mention for "Hong Kong Street Dance," Spaces & Places. Another winner in that category was Bonnie Nish from Pleasanton, with "Dirty Laundry" bringing second prize.

Connie Post from Livermore received second prize for "Lightning Storm," a Nature entry. And from Patterson, Nancee Maya was deemed third prize winner with "A Little Day

Trip," a People poem. First prize in the People category went to "Andrea" by Sandy Stark of Hughson. And from Modesto Karin Forno received second honorable mention for a Nature poem, "To George Bleich, a Painter."

Charles Sullivan from San Francisco made off with the first prize for an Answers poem, "Chinese Puzzle." In the Love category Alden Dean from Belmont drew first honorable mention with "Violets for My Face," and Ellaraine Lockie from Sunnyvale had second honorable mention for "Mimicry."

Marcene Gandolfo brought home to Elk Grove first prize for a Love poem, "Harvest Kiss." Laverne Smith returned to Sacramento with the first prize for a Nature entry, "After Watercolor of Chi Pai Shi."

The Poets' Dinner contest is judged and non-fee. Awards are sustained by contributions. The winners are revealed when the winning poems are read, and contestants must be present to claim awards. Judges this year were David Stokesbary, Doris Stengel, Frank Anthony, Linda

# Lucile Bogue honored for contributions to education

EL CERRITO — There was a surprise for local author Lucile Bogue this month, she received an honor from the American Biological Institute in Raleigh, N.C., status of "Who's Who," announcing that she will be included in "The Who's Who of Women," 15th edition.

Two days later she received a letter from the International Biological Centre in Cambridge, England, which began with the following:

"I am indeed happy to enclose, for your exclusive use, details of the Twentieth Century Award for achievement which I am honored to offer to you. Your qualifications have been approved by our senior staff making you a candidate to receive this prestigious award."

Both awards resulted from Bogue's work in the field of education.

In 1962, she was the founder and president, for four years, of Colorado Mountain College, Alpine campus, in Steamboat Springs, Colorado college a four-year liberal arts institution.

Since retiring, she has taught in

Japan, Mexico, Nicaragua, Ecuador, London, Versailles, Vienna, and Rome.

She has also written and published prolifically, including six books of poetry, two historical novels, two plays, and four books of nonfiction.

She lived in El Cerrito, still writing books.

# Next Garden Club meeting is Members Day

The El Cerrito Garden Club will meet in the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, on Thursday, May 11, at 9:30 a.m.

It will be Members Day and there will be displays on Garden Club history, horticulture, conservation, arts and crafts, a plant sale table, and refreshments.

Winners of the club's community "Garden of the Month" contest for February/March and April/May will be honored.

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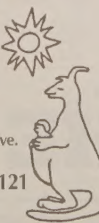
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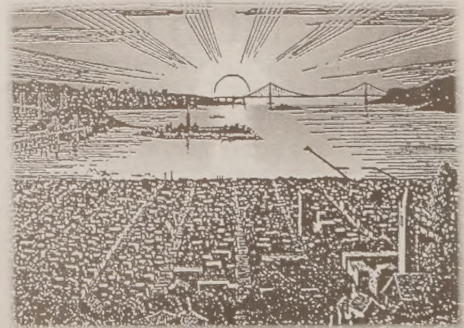
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# Opinion

## VIEWPOINT

### 'As the Plaza Turns,' episode 153

#### Around Town

By Chris Treadway

It seems like only a few weeks ago that we related what Dorian Bilak had to say about the long-anticipated start of work on the El Cerrito Plaza. And it was.

Considerable time had elapsed since the City Council "fast-tracked" the project's approval to get it under way so that new merchants would be open for business before the end of the year. Yet Dorian, the son of Plaza co-owner Milton Bilak, was still talking about trying to obtain needed financing for the project.

It was not the expected reaction from someone overseeing a renovation that had finally cleared all the hurdles of government and begrudging public approval. Nor was it the reaction existing tenants wanted to hear. We can only speculate that all the new retailers lined up for the Plaza were dismayed as well.

With last week's revelation that Bilak's Plaza Company has a tentative agreement to sell the property to a real estate investment trust Dorian Bilak's earlier statement became more understandable.

"For us to continue forward, it conceivably could be another year delay to the project, and we don't want to see that happen," Dorian said last week.

But the entry of a new buyer that has strong backing does little to relieve the anxieties of the remaining Plaza merchants.

The speculation is that, with planning approvals already in place, the new co-owner will try to proceed as quickly as possible. But at this point a transaction hasn't even happened, the prospective buyer isn't commenting and everything else is, well, speculation. One merchant cited an oral agreement with the Plaza Company to expand his business and the architectural plans that were drawn up.

The outcome of the transaction and the uncertainty of an agreement yet to be put in writing leaves his business in limbo.

**AROUND TOWN:** It was a pleasure to meet Esther Sergeant, the catalyst behind El Cerrito's Veterans' Memorial, at City Hall the other day. The dedication of the memorial was a well-deserved accolade for the area's veterans, and for Sergeant, who put in considerable effort to see the project through. But Sergeant isn't finished yet. She is now seeking a designation for El Cerrito as part

of the system of Blue Star Memorial Highway markers honoring the men and women who have served their country. We trust she will see this project through as well as she saw to the memorial ... That vacant corner lot at Richmond and Stockton in EC, long a favorite place for the campaign politicians' signs, is under construction for a duplex, according to city officials ... Readers may have noted Dave Greer's recent column about the crackdown on overtime parkers in the lots at the Andronico's Grocery and a neighboring bank on Solano Avenue. The crackdown apparently extends to the Solano Safeway, as well ... And speaking of motor vehicle issues, El Cerrito has approved better signage around Harding Elementary as a measure to control traffic at the Fairmont-Ashbury intersection.

But the most effective traffic control has been the crossing guard that parents lobbied the city and school district for two years ago. Until recently the corner has been protected by "Mr. M.," the popular retiree who faithfully saw pedestrians safely across the street each morning and afternoon.

Mr. M. left earlier this month to attend to personal matters and his post has remained unfilled except for those mornings when the El Cerrito Police can spare a staff member to work the intersection ...

It was great to see all the students who turned out for the Earth Day cleanup at El Cerrito High School. Pride in your school means a lot, and those who did participate showed the investment they have.

The school has also done a good job — at least on the outside — of minimizing graffiti. But Principal Mike Aaronian might want to note a more subtle form of graffiti. The figure painted in the blue handicap parking space on Eureka has been altered to show it holding a "BOMB."

**BOMB AND FINALLY:** due to a typesetting error, a brief in last week's issue announced that the annual El Cerrito Easter Egg Hunt was on Sunday instead of the correct day of Saturday. We humbly apologize for the error and anyone it inconvenienced.

## VIEWPOINT

### An uninformed board decision

By Robert Clear

BERKELEY

I think I have this right. You get a technical education, and possibly extra training. You can get a job at Lawrence Hall of Science (LHS), Lawrence Berkeley Lab, maybe the Environmental Protection Agency or some other regulatory agency.

Now, the Alameda County Board of Education hears a presentation, by lay-people, claiming that the tritium releases near LHS are hazardous. Based on your knowledge this is not true. However, the board does not inform you that this subject was being discussed, and feels no need to hear your testimony before recommending that Alameda county

schools cancel all field trips to LHS because of the tritium releases.

It seems like a pretty clear message to me: the County Board of Education is saying that you are not likely to have anything of interest to contribute if you have had an education. It appears that the enlightened attitude that the Kansas board of education has towards science and education has begun to reach California.

People who wish to support or otherwise comment on the board's action should write to them at: Alameda County Board of Education

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Recovering costs should be looked into

As you know, the residents of El Cerrito just recently taxed themselves, via Measure A, to save the pool and some facilities at three parks.

Section 10 of this measure sets aside a dedicated fund for infrastructure maintenance and capital replacement. However most of this money is targeted for streets and other capital needs, with only a modest amount available for parks etc.

Therefore it is necessary to have a fee structure that attempts to recover not just the operating costs of our recreational facilities but also a part of their likely capital expenditures.

A modest beginning should be made by looking at the possibility of recovering costs from non-resident park or pool users.

First, we should take at face value the promise from the large number of non-residents who during the pool hearings volunteered to do their share by paying a surcharge. This is as it should be and we should proceed with such an approach even if the sums recovered are modest.

Second, we should take a careful look at the heavy users of our public facilities, particularly if these users are entities such as private schools or clubs. A sliding scale could be developed based on the percentage of residents belonging to the group and the fraction of the time they use a facility.

For example, if more than 80 percent of the members are residents, then there need not be additional fees since it is fair to assume that the members already are paying for the capital costs via taxes such as Measure A.

Groups with 50 percent to 80 percent resident memberships could have a modest surcharge for capital costs. For groups with less than 50 percent and particularly those with less than 20 percent, resident members should pay a significant amount. Such a policy could easily bring in tens of thousands of dollars per year.

The result of such a policy would tend to encourage private groups to try to increase the number of residents in their membership. If they decide not to do so, then we will at least not subsidize private groups with taxpayer funds.

I believe without such a policy, future attempts to pass taxes for parks will be unsuccessful, since many taxpayers of El Cerrito will object to subsidizing non-resident user groups who are heavy users of our facilities.

Given the slim margin by which Measure A passed, I encourage the Parks and Recreation Commission, staff and City Council to move speedily ahead with such a policy.

Steve Magvary

### Retail space moratorium not answer

If anybody is to have their opinionated response to the Albany Solano Avenue retail space moratorium taken seriously, it's Jerry Blank (Letters, April 7). I have known Blank for almost 11 years. Nobody has a better handle on the pulse of the small-business real estate market in Albany.

A 45-day moratorium is not the answer to attracting new quality retail businesses to lower Solano Avenue. This temporary action

is merely a Band Aid. In all fairness, maybe that is how the powers that be meant it.

The storefronts of lower Solano Avenue are no longer prime Solano Avenue locations, and landlords need to face that reality. Landlords are in business to make as much money as they can. There is little in the way of any altruistic goals involved in dealing with them.

However, they are a critical cog in the local business wheel, and restrictions are not the answer. Without their hard work to put moneys aside, there would be no one to take the risk involved in owning businesses.

What the council apparently is unaware of is that Americans will only pay what the market can bear. If I had not been able to demonstrate this to the three landlords I have had since 1989 at my lower Solano Avenue location, I would not have been able to renew my lease. They wanted me there and they played ball with me, and here I am.

There are more pressing concerns about what can be done to improve the attractiveness to retail businesses in this area, mainly by removing eyesores. There are businesses with junky window displays, sidewalks full of litter and cigarette butts, and unkempt vacant storefronts. Who needs that?

Years ago, I went door-to-door to my neighbors and suggested that if we all kicked in some money, we could hire somebody to clean up the messes. They all said, "Great idea!" Unfortunately, nothing came of my idea.

If the city of Albany wishes to dictate policy, it should cooperate by helping to pay for improved policing of the area.

The front of our building is visibly cleaner than in other areas because we all pitch in and pick up litter, and we have a responsive landlord who works honestly to keep the building valuable for our interests and his.

Dr. Eric Husby-Gerry  
Albany

### Emergency? What emergency

The Albany City Council in passing (by a 4-to-1 vote) an Emergency Ordinance Moratorium has created an emergency where none existed. Its final effect would be that spaces for medical, dental, insurance or any other kind of offices be limited to almost non-existent second-story occupancy on Solano and much of San Pablo avenues, with three-level premises to be limited to retail shops (more knick knacks, gifts, and lotion-and-notion establishments).

All the above were accomplished by the City Council without any prior consultation (that I am aware of) with any Solano merchants, property owners, or most other vitally interested Albany citizens.

I very much hope that the four honorable council members realize by now that they have opened a can of worms with this ill-advised idea, and that for the good of Albany and of every citizen therein, that the City Council will by now have seen this emergency moratorium for what it is, namely:

■ An unwise and counterproductive interference with the natural flow of free enterprise.

■ An absolute guarantee for many more

and longer vacancies on Solano and San Pablo avenues.

■ And finally, an understanding of the wisdom of the very incisive, thoughtful and very plain admonition, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

Hal Hoffman

### A severe shortage

Members of the Developmental Disabilities Council of Contra Costa County want the public to know about a critical issue facing our field today: the staffing crisis in programs serving children and adults with developmental disabilities.

There is a severe shortage of trained and qualified employees, and a difficulty in retaining workers, due to low wages.

Within the last month, a spirited grassroots parent coalition in our county, working in collaboration with service providers, friends and others, has collected more than 2,600 petitions to send to Gov. Gray Davis asking him to provide a living wage (\$27,000 average per year) to workers who provide job training, living skills training, respite care, early intervention and other types of service to people with developmental disabilities.

This is part of a statewide campaign to secure 50,000 signed petitions to the governor. We are grateful for the support our community has given to us and hope for appropriate action from the governor and Legislature.

The Developmental Disabilities Council is available to provide more information about this issue. We can be reached at 510-374-3888.

Elizabeth Katz  
Diana Jorgensen

Katz is chairwoman and Jorgensen is executive director of Developmental Disabilities Council, a program of Contra Costa Health Services.

### Relay for Life

This is a follow-up on the article written in the Journal by J. R. Deaton on April 14, for the upcoming Relay for Life is around-the-clock fund-raiser to fight cancer.

As the event chair volunteer for Relay for Life of the American Cancer Society, for the cities of Albany, Berkeley and El Cerrito, I sincerely encourage challengers who can help raise the most moneys in finding a cure for the number one disease cancer.

Members of these beautiful and wonderful communities, including business, city government, school board members, school district superintendents, students, friends, and families, we need your commitment in helping raise our goal to raise \$15,000.

These funds will be used for cancer research and to fund local community services and support programs for those living with cancer, cancer survivors and family members.

Come join us as a member of the Relay for Life Team, becoming a sponsor, learning how you can help as a volunteer, making a generous contribution or having a luminary in honor of and in memory of. This event will take place on June 24 and 25, at El Cerrito High School.

For information, call Owen H. Jones at 510-525-0118, or Janna Katz of the American Cancer Society at 510-832-7012, ext. 325.

Owen H. Jones

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson, 1787



## Jazz icon heard on new recording

If you are a jazz fan, you may have been at Ham Bone Kelly's in El Cerrito half a century ago when clarinetist Bob Helm played his last job with the Yerba Buena Jazz Band. That was the final gig for the amazing Bay Area band that marked the revival of interest in the traditional New Orleans jazz which continues to this day.

Fortunately, Helm went right on playing hot music. And although he might assume that at the age of 85, this jazz icon would be sitting home reminiscing, he is in fact working jobs and making records. He recently cut a CD with Earl Scheelar's Zenith Jazz Band for the Merry Makers Record Co. at Blue Cogan's Bay Records Recording Studio in Berkeley.

Zenith is a first-rate traditional jazz band featuring some of the Bay Area's most versatile and respected musicians.

Helm's well-recorded performance demonstrates that there has been no diminution in his seemingly endless flow of ideas or in his ability to execute them. If anything, his playing has mellowed since the days of the Watters band, when he had to make his clarinet heard among four loud brass instruments.

Born in Fairmead near Merced in the Central Valley, Helm was all of 14 when he began playing the clarinet and saxophone in silent movie theater pit bands. Later he worked with various California jazz bands. In the mid-1930s, he joined a group of young musicians in the Bay Area coalescing around trumpeter Lu Watters.

This group became the Yerba Buena Jazz Band. Its members were dissatisfied with the direction jazz had taken away from structured ensemble playing and toward improvisation of solos bracketed by wild free-for-alls, often called Dixieland. The Watters men studied and tried to reproduce the music of classic two-cornet New Orleans bands like King Oliver's.

In doing so, they created their own distinctive sound. This New West Coast conception blew the stale air out of jazz clubs nationwide and attracted a whole generation of young players and fans. It also revived interest in localizing and recording many famous New Orleans musicians like Jelly Roll Morton, Bunk Johnson and Louis Armstrong, who had lapsed into obscurity and would otherwise have remained there.

Had the eight members of the Yerba Buena Jazz Band been ordinary musicians, a dedication to an



BOB HELM, right, plays a duet with Earl Scheelar in a performance of the Zenith Jazz Band. They are backed by Peter Allen on bass, center, and Frank Tateosian on banjo, partially visible at far left. A poster of Helm stands behind Scheelar.

Helm is the only surviving full-time member of the Watters band. For years he played with trombonist Turk Murphy, the best-known alumni of the group, in San Francisco.

earlier style would not have been sufficient to bring about such a musical revolution.

But they were not. They were true giants of jazz. The fact that their back-to-the-roots approach is dominant in traditional jazz more than half a century later attests to their vision and their stature.

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For years he played with trombonist Turk Murphy, the best-known alumni of the group, in San Francisco. The clarinetist recorded extensively with Murphy as he had with Watters, and put out some records under his own name.

He also played with Monte Balou's Castle Jazz Band in Portland, Ore., and with many Bay Area groups, including Bob Mielke's Oakland A's Swingers and Earl Scheelar's funky New Orleans Jazz Band.

The CD with Scheelar's Zenith band again finds Helm among righteous practitioners of New Orleans jazz. Scheelar has made a name for himself playing cornet and clarinet in the classic tradition. Here he is joined by Robert Young, another accomplished brass and reed player.

On some tunes, like "New Orleans Stomp," Scheelar and Young team up on cornets as did Louis

Armstrong and King Oliver on the latter's 1923 recording. On other selections either Scheelar or Young switches to a reed instrument and interweaves melodies with Helm's clarinet or alto saxophone.

This instrument versatility is matched by variety in vocals. Not only does the band have a fine singer, Genny Haley, but five members of the group, including Helm, also sing.

Haley is well-known to many locally as a member of the "Any Old Time String Band," an all-woman folk/blue grass group. She has worked as a street musician in New Orleans, and her interpretation of the blues is strongly reminiscent of Ma Rainey and Bessie Smith.

Helm's singing on "You Got Everything a Sweet Mama Needs But Me" is so youthful sounding and full of fun that it is hard to believe he did not record it 40 or 50 years ago.

Bill Bardin backs him on trombone with his usual immaculate taste. Bardin filled in for Murphy

in the Watters band during World War II and has been setting the mark for trombonists in these parts ever since.

The selection of tunes is unusually varied, ranging from the rollicking spiritual "Royal Telephone" through jazz classics like "Messin' Around," pop favorite "Marie," to bluesman Tampa Red's "Your One and Only." Scheelar scored "Carolina Sunshine" from a piano roll, and band pianist Tom Barney wrote and sings "Solitary Blues."

We are fortunate that Helm has made this record and so many others, and that he is still performing in this area. Hearing him is like experiencing a force of nature expressed through a man and an instrument. Helm imitates nobody, and nobody can imitate him. He is indeed a legend in his own time.

Beside playing with the Zenith, Helm can be heard with the Black Diamond Blue Five at The Pizza Co., 3550 San Pablo Dam Road, El Sobrante. This fine group performs three times a month, but be sure to check Helm's schedule with band leader George Knoblauch 925-671-7739.

The new Zenith CD is available now through Scheelar, and is due for mid-May release to outlets including the Down Home Music store in El Cerrito. For record orders or information on band appearances, call Scheelar at 510-843-9862 or e-mail him at alice.scheelar@gte.net.

## Pausing for a long look back before going out the door

In a matter of months, I will catch a plane to Chicago and start the rest of my life. I've focused on this moment for as long as I can remember. I've dreamed about it for even longer. I'm standing on the brink of this great new adventure, scarcely able to believe that my turn has finally come.

Then why am I having such a hard time saying good-bye?

This past year has been nothing short of surreal. I could've sworn it was just last week when my mailbox was cluttered with glossy view books from the most obscure colleges in the country. Has it actually been five months since I impatiently stood in line at the post office to mail in the first of my college applications?

Apparently time does fly by when you're having fun, or in my case, when you're too busy to notice. I spent most of my spring vacation wading through the past 17 years of my life in an attempt to do some spring cleaning.

I'd heard of life flashing before people's eyes, but never thought I would experience anything like that. As I unearthed old papers and projects buried in the depths of my closet, I found myself reflecting on the subtle and not-so-subtle ways in which I've changed over the years.

My valiant effort to clean out my room had accidentally turned into a walk down memory lane.

My handwriting, once sickeningly neat in my freshman days, has since morphed into a kind of chicken scratch that even I can barely decipher.

Doodles on the margins of my AP biology notebook, red-inked math assignments, angst-filled journal entries — they are all a part of my high school experience. How can I leave it all behind, much less throw any of it away?

I never knew how hard it was going to be to separate my memories into what to take, box or forget.

The deeper I dug into my closet, the more I doubted my decision to go away for college. I began to wonder if my mom was right in wanting me to stay close to home where the weather was milder and the area more familiar.

I remember feeling so guilty after the initial "big envelope hysteria" wore off.

By some miracle, my first-choice college accepted me. Even though I wanted to scream out my

## Objects in mirror are closer than they appear

By Amy Chen

The deeper I dug into my closet, the more I doubted my decision to go away for college. I began to wonder if my mom was right in wanting me to stay close to home, where the weather was milder and the area more familiar.

happiness for all the world to hear, I felt like I was abandoning my mom by even considering an out-of-state university.

But I know myself well enough to realize that it's now or never. If I don't leave now, I won't ever want to leave the safe confines of home sweet home. The problem was making my mom understand that I wasn't trying to get away from her.

A campus visit was the solution. Two days were enough to convince her that going away would be the best thing for me. I still don't know when she changed her mind.

Maybe she saw it in my eyes as soon as we stepped onto the lakefront property. I know I couldn't stop grinning. It just felt so right.

Even so, I wish there was a way to bring home to Chicago. Or better yet, I wish there was a way to bring the university of my dreams to the Bay Area, where the weather is, as my mom says, kinder.

Thank goodness I have another five months before I get on that plane to Chicago.

Maybe by then I'll figure out how best to say thank you to my mom. I never knew how important that was to me. I guess I never knew a lot of things.

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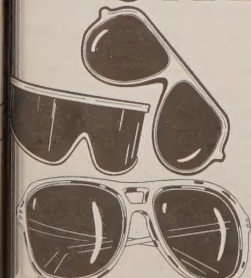
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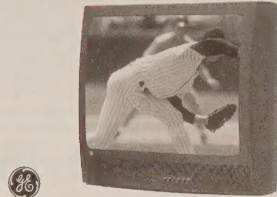
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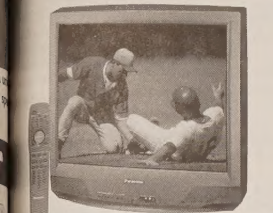
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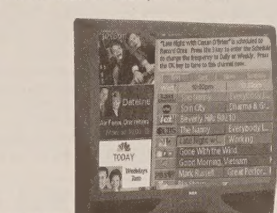
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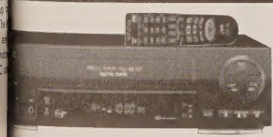
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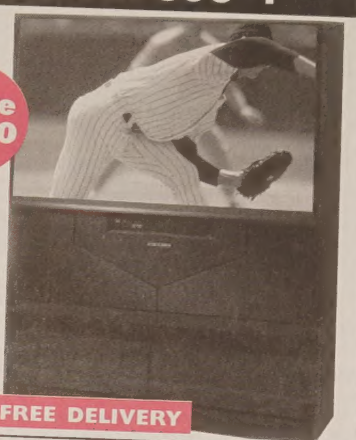
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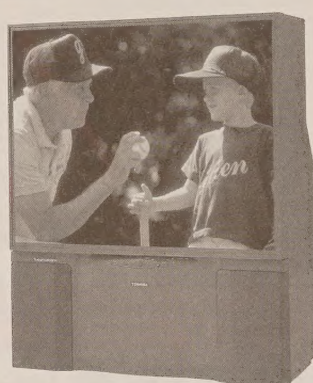
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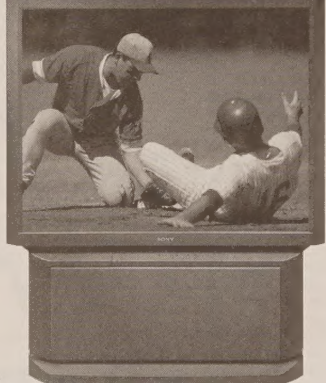


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# Fairy tales can come true if you're young at heart

Talk about a happy ending! The Blue Fairy is coming back to Children's Fairyland!

The Blue Fairy (real name: Jacqueline Lynaugh), flew away five years ago to work the other end of the age spectrum, telling stories to the retirees at St. Paul's Towers. And I've been blue ever since.

But now she's back. She'll be working mostly behind the scenes as special events coordinator.

But she'll make a rare appearance in full Blue Fairy regalia at Presentation Day this Sunday, when the Children's Fairyland Personalities for the coming year — 33 kids, all between the ages of 8 and 10 — make their formal debut.

She'll be joined by the Rose Fairy (real name: Chrissie Hoffman), who has been coming to Fairyland since she was old enough to walk and now is in charge of the Fairyland Personalities program.

Now, I never thought anyone could be as good at working with kids as Lynaugh, but she swears Hoffman is, if anything, even better.

"She started out where I left off and took it to a higher level," says Lynaugh. "I was happy if they just were able to stand up in public and give a performance. But she's teaching them how to act as an ensemble."

This year's Fairyland Personalities come from all over the East Bay.

Among them are: Brandon Christian, Christa Grover-Roybal, Elysa Jenkins-Adelberg, Amava Keller, Jacob Rubin, Iesha Sheppard, Madeleine Nelson, Justin Khatri-Karanikolas, Morgan Moglia, Isa Angelica Oropeza, Charlie O'Malley, Marie Arias, Kaitlin Davis, Joshua Cinque Jackson, Matthew Jones and Jordi Sears-Zevi of Oakland; Natal Cortes, Ariel Levine, Alexia Thompson, Enrico DiGiorgio and Jacob Basri of Berkeley; Katherine Wright of El Cerrito; Sasha Patpatia of Kensington; and Hannah Kargoll of Alameda.

Congratulations all!

Meanwhile, Fairyland itself has gotten a facelift, thanks to the wise voters of Oakland who passed Measure I, which granted a hefty \$1.5 million chunk of cash to Fairyland for capital improvements.

There's a new entrance to the park, so we grownups with bad backs won't have to bend over entering through the Shoe (as in "There was an old woman who lived in a shoe ...") anymore.

There's also a brand-new carousel featuring horses and chariots. A new

food stand and gift shop will open in August. And an interactive education center for kids is scheduled to open later this year.

But one thing will never change: the entrance requirement. As always, no adult will be admitted unless accompanied by a child.

The Fairyland personalities will appear every weekend from now until October. Each weekend, they'll perform one of three plays: "Peter Pan," "The Dragon Prince" or "Prince Ahmad And The Fairy." They'll also march in Piedmont's July 4th parade.

If you think your child would enjoy being a Fairyland Personality next year, the tryouts will be held in January. The only requirement is that he or she has to be between the ages of 8 and 10 at the time of the tryouts. Watch for a formal announcement in this paper in November.

Until then, let your child take you to Fairyland. It was Walt Disney's original inspiration for Fantasyland at Disneyland, and there are some people — me included — who think the original is better than the imitation.

Meanwhile, some Alameda High School students went to a PTA meeting and pointed out that they literally have no place to go. I mean a safe place where they can hang out, play music, hold poetry slams, and do their homework.

Instead of appointing a committee to study the problem, PTA President Carolie Sly appointed herself a committee of one to actually do something about it.

Thus was born the Teen Café, which is about to open on lower Solano, where the McManus Pub used to be.

Sly isn't the only public-spirited person in this story. Ed McManus generously donated all his old equipment, up to and including the kitchen sink. The Alameda County Waste Management Authority gave

them \$7,500 in seed money, the Alameda Prevention Council added another \$1,700, and another \$2,000 came from individual citizens, some in donations as small as a dollar.

"One was a \$10 donation from an older gentleman," says Sly. "He said he goes every day to the Senior Center, and he thinks there should be a Junior Center, too."

Actually, "Teen Café" is only a temporary name. The kids are still trying to decide on the permanent one. Among the finalists: "Hole In The Wall," "Epicenter," "Terra Firma" and my favorite, "Juvenile Hall."

"A lot of us like that one," says Sly. "But I don't think it's going to win. It might scare off some potential donors."

The Teen Café (or whatever they decide to name it) will be entirely student run, although it will be supervised by a non-profit organization, Community Learning Services, whose director just happens to be — Carolie Sly! (Reason: Legally, a project like the Teen Café wouldn't be possible unless there's a non-profit like CLS to watch over and make sure everything's on the up-and-up.)

As a condition of the grant from the Alameda Waste Management District, they had to promise to make the place ecologically-friendly. (No argument here.) Despite all the generosity so far, they still could use some more grownup help, including:

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says Sly. "We'll find a way to make it help the kids."

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Congrats to Sly, her dedicated cadre of adult volunteers, and especially to the students who started it all: Amy Chen, Rebekkah Bergman, Elizabeth Nelson, Spencer K'Burg, Shixiao Gao, Ken Mimoto, Oscar Whelan, Katherine Kirkpatrick, Tessa Hagar-Holson, David Song, Caitlin Sly, Amy Jin, Tess Johnson and Kim Bell. With such spunk, how can they not succeed? (And how can we not give them a hand?)

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KECG is staffed entirely by students, faculty and volunteers. Speaking as a former student deejay myself ("Magic Marty" at KALX-Berkeley, '67-'68), I say, "All right! Time to unwind your minds! Time to rethread your heads! Time to make groovin' beHOOVIn'!"

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# 'Fiddler on the Roof'

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The musical centers around Teyve, an impoverished Jewish milkman, and his five unmarried daughters in the village of Anatevka, Russia. It is the classic story of the struggle between tradition and the power of love. Songs include, "Tradition," "If I Were a Rich Man," and "Sunrise, Sunset."

The director is Michael Manley. Performances are at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through May 27, with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. April 30, May 7, 14 and 21.

Tickets are \$15 general and \$6 for youths 16 and under with a current identification.

The theater is at 951 Pomona Ave.

For information and reservations, call 510-524-9132.

## Youth Arts Festival

The Berkeley Art Center is hosting the eighth annual Youth Arts Festival through May 14.

The citywide event celebrates Berkeley youth talent in the areas of visual art, music and dance.

Included in the festival is an exhibition of visual art by kindergarten through eighth-grade stu-

dents from schools in the Berkeley school district.

Special performances and a workshop will be scheduled throughout the festival. Space for workshops is limited, and advance registration is required. Each workshop is \$15.

The Berkeley Art Center is located at Live Oak Park at 1275 Walnut St. Hours are noon-5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday and admission is free.

For registration or information, call 510-644-6893.

## Bay Area Chamber Choir

The San Francisco Bay Area Chamber Choir, under the direction of Harry Carter, will perform April 30.

The concert will begin at 8 p.m. at First Congregational Church, Berkeley, 2345 Channing Way. Durant and Dana streets.

The first half of the program will consist of a cappella songs of praise, reflection and joy by composers from the 16th through 19th centuries. The second half will feature secular music, folk songs and spirituals.

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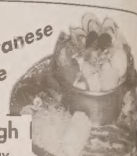
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# Trustees stay with warning on radiation

By Elizabeth Zach  
STAFF WRITER

**ALBANY** — The Alameda County Board of Education rejected its decision Tuesday, April 25, to warn its school districts about possible radioactive exposure to children visiting the Lawrence Hall of Science in Berkeley.

The board added that it is up to individual districts to decide whether to make field trips to the hall. About 100 people, many supporting the Berkeley-based Committee to Minimize Toxic Waste, attended Tuesday's meeting.

Earlier this month, board members suggested halting school field trips to

the hall, citing concern about the dangers of tritium from nearby Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory's National Tritium Labeling Facility. Trustee Carmen Carrillo, who proposed the resolution earlier this month, said "occasional leakages and seepages ... contaminate the water and soil."

Dale Nesbitt, a retired Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory scientist, said the lab has not met scientific standards in telling the public about how it monitors the risk to public health.

"What they do is completely inadequate to measure tritium (levels)," he said. "They have made every obstruction possible. They are not coming up to scientific objectivity."

The lab is required to do extensive monitoring of air, surface water and waste, said David McGraw, the director of the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory's environment, health and safety division.

The board's advisory startled hall officials, who in turn asked for the opportunity to defend the hall's safety. Hall officials and representatives from the federal Environmental Protection Agency told the board Tuesday that the lab is "in compliance with federal guidelines" and "does not pose a significant risk to human health."

Shelly Rosenblum, an environmental engineer with the federal

EPA, said that his own daughter has visited the hall on field trips and that visitors have nothing to fear.

"Concerned children will be deprived of an educational opportunity," he said, should the board discourage field trips to the hall.

Tritium, a radioactive form of hydrogen, is invisible and can be found in nature. While it is often used in medical research, it has also been linked to lower sperm counts and is considered a carcinogen.

The Committee to Minimize Toxic Waste, which has applauded the board for issuing its warning, has long accused the lab of releasing tritium into the area.

## Sukkot in April effort will renovate five homes

For the first time on a regional basis, the East Bay Jewish community will participate in Sukkot in April, a Jewish effort on Sunday, April 30, to renovate housing for those in need.

Organized by the Volunteer Action Group of the Jewish Federation of the East Bay, in coordination with the local Christmas in April chapter, more than 300 people from 15 synagogues and Jewish agencies will

to paint, dig, and clean five homes in the East Bay.

The response has been tremendous, says Sandy Curtis, event chair.

Painters, electricians and wood-

workers are donating their time to make a difference. And right along with them will be hundreds of volunteers. Why? To do a mitzvah - to do a good deed."

More than 15 East Bay congregations and Jewish organizations have joined in the project. In addition to signing up volunteers, each organization has raised money to pay for the needed renovation supplies; over \$14,000 has been raised, including a \$3,000 grant from The Jewish Community. Additional volunteers have donated needed building materials.

The five homes that will be worked

on are located throughout the East Bay, including Berkeley, Concord, Oakland and Pleasanton.

"Each completed home provides another safe environment, allowing the homeowner, often a senior or someone with disabilities, to continue living independently," says Sandy Curtis. "It's important to me because of our Jewish tradition of tikkun olam, helping to repair the world." The community chose the name Sukkot in April because Sukkot is the name of a major Jewish holiday celebrated in the autumn, which focuses on giving thanks and is celebrated by building

and residing in a temporary shelter called a sukkah (sukkot in plural).

Area congregations participating in Sukkot in April include: Aquarian Minyan, Congregation Beth Chaim, Congregation Beth El, Congregation Beth Emek, Congregation Beth Israel, Congregation B'nai Shalom, Congregation B'nai Tikvah, Congregation Neivot Shalom, Hehilla Community Synagogue, Temple Beth Abraham, and Temple Isaiah. The Women's Division and Young Jewish Alliance, both of the Jewish Federation of the Greater East Bay, and the UC Berkeley Hillel chapter are also participating.

## EL CERRITO - KENSINGTON PTA NEWS

By Linda Takimoto  
CORRESPONDENT

**El Cerrito Elementary**

■ May 3, Pizza Night, 5-8 p.m. at Pizza Roma (across the parking lot from the El Cerrito Safeway). Don't forget to tell them it's for the school. 25 percent will be given to Harding.

■ May 4, Science Fair Reception, 6-7 p.m. in the MPR

■ May 9, steak barbecue, 6-7:30

p.m. in the MPR. This is a fund-raiser for the room 11 Yosemite Trip. Call 234-6200 for ticket information.

■ May 13, garden and computer room cleanup, 9 a.m.-noon, on Donal Ave., and in room 19.

■ May 25, potluck and PTA meeting, 6 p.m. in the MPR

**Harding Elementary**

■ May 11, pizza night, 5-8 p.m. at Pizza Roma (across the parking lot

from the El Cerrito Safeway). Don't forget to tell them it's for the school and 25 percent will be given to Harding.

**WCCUSD calendar**

Kindergarten registration is ongoing. Call the school nearest your residence.

Town meetings for communication and input about maintenance issues at the schools are scheduled May 2 at Richmond High; May 9 at

Kennedy High; May 16 at El Cerrito High; May 23 at De Anza High; and May 30 at Pinole Valley High.

May 26, Memorial Day Holiday, NO SCHOOL.

**WCCUSD Board of Education**

May 17, meeting at 7 p.m., Kennedy High School in Richmond.

Items? Call Linda Takimoto at 237-6183 or e-mail:

## EL CERRITO HIGH NEWS

Having trouble with math? Help is on the way! Free math tutoring at anytime every day, Room 311.

■ Spring break, April 24-April 28.

■ All District Choral Festival, Tuesday, May 2, 7 p.m. Pinole Valley High. All students will sing.

■ Modified day, Wednesday, May

■ Music Parents Fund-raiser. Join

■ Music Parents, families and friends at Contra Costa Civic Theater. "Fiddler on the Roof." Sunday, May 7, 2 p.m. Tickets: \$15. Contact: John Alford at 510 237-2836

■ Senior Car Wash. Sunday, May 7, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Chevron station at

■ School Site Council meeting, Tuesday, May 10, 6-7:30 p.m., MS Library.

■ PTA meeting, Wednesday, May 10, 7:30 p.m., Room 812. All welcome.

■ WCCUSD Art Show. Friday, May 12, Richmond Art Center.

■ East Bay College Connection. May 13, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at St. Mary's College in Moraga. A regional fair for high school students and their parents, counselors and others. Representatives from 170 institutions will be there. Free. 925-4227

■ WCCUSD/ECHS town meeting, Tuesday, May 16, 7 to 9 p.m. ECHS gymnasium. Discussion will be on facility maintenance and improvements

for El Cerrito High. To all parents and guardians: The district is in the process of preparing a Long Range Facilities Master Plan to address the conditions and facilities at your child's school. District Superintendents of School Support Services will be there. Parents: please fill out the district questionnaire your child brought home or go to Web site at <http://www.wccusd.k12.ca.us> to get the form.

■ El Cerrito Spring Area Festival.

Thursday, May 11, time TBA. Portola Middle School Gym. Symphonic Band will perform.

■ AP Exams. May 8-19. Talk to the instructor of your AP class.

■ "Main Stage Production." May 24-27, 8 p.m. ECHS Little Theater

■ Memorial Day Holiday. Monday, May 29

**SAT Test Calendar**

Saturday, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. May 6,

June 3.

See the SAT registration bulletin or online at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) for the registration form, fees, and details on how to register.

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## ALBANY PTA NEWS

By Kay Weinstein  
CORRESPONDENT

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### Albany PTA Council

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NEXT YEAR!** If you are new to PTA, consider volunteering to serve on a committee; if you have already done so, consider serving as an officer.

Volunteering is very rewarding and serves our children and community well.

■ April 30, Albany Education Foundation Scoops for Schools, 1 p.m., Albany Community Center

■ May 8 and 9, Healthy Schools Campaign Lobby Day, Sacramento. Sponsored by Californians for Pesticide Reform in support of Healthy Schools Act of 2000 (AB 2260). For information, see Web site at [pests@igc.org](http://pests@igc.org)

### Albany High School

■ Join AHS PTA and receive the daily bulletin and important announcements by e-mail. Contact Ruth Gjerde at [ruthg@eecs.berkeley.edu](mailto:ruthg@eecs.berkeley.edu)

■ SCIP orders: Safeway and Andronico's scrip must be purchased from eScrip at 800-400-7878. We are selling Natural Grocery scrip, and arranging for Albertson's Community Partners cards. Call Linda Okamoto at 525-6782 or

■ Belinda Lum at 528-2429. E-mail Linda at [cho.pn.lo@cho.org](mailto:cho.pn.lo@cho.org) or Belinda at [belum@pacbell.net](mailto:belum@pacbell.net)

■ May 1, PTA meeting, 7 p.m., AHS Library

■ May 4, Instructional Improvement Committee meeting, 7 p.m., AHS Room 53

■ May 4, MacGregor High School Open House, 6:15 p.m.

■ May 10, open house, 7 p.m.

■ May 13, Athletic Boosters Flea Market, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Marin School

### Albany Middle School

■ Join AMS PTA and receive important announcements by e-mail. Contact Linda Okamoto at [cho.pn.lo@cho.org](mailto:cho.pn.lo@cho.org)

■ SCIP orders: Safeway and Andronico's scrip must be purchased from eScrip at 800-400-7878. We are selling Natural Grocery scrip, and arranging for Albertson's Community Partners cards. Call Karen Moss at 526-2018, or Linda Okamoto at 525-6782. E-mail Linda at [cho.pn.lo@cho.org](mailto:cho.pn.lo@cho.org)

■ VOLUNTEERS—Sixth- and seventh-grade parents needed to chaperone eighth-grade dance after graduation on June 15. Dance is 9-11 p.m. Contact Dolores Dalton at [kevlb@aol.com](mailto:kevlb@aol.com)

■ May 3, PTA meeting, 7 p.m., AMS Library

■ May 11, open house, 7 p.m.

### Cornell Elementary

■ SCIP sales: Safeway scrip must be purchased from eScrip at 1-800-400-7878. Andronico's scrip can be purchased from eScrip, or paper scrip may be purchased at school. Natural Grocery and Berkeley Bowl SCIP for sale Wednesday and Friday, 8:15-8:45 a.m., and Wednesday after school.

■ May 18, open house, 7 p.m.

### Marin Elementary School

■ SCIP for sale Monday and Friday mornings before school. Orders can be placed in office at any time. Safeway scrip must be purchased from eScrip at 800-400-7878. Andronico's scrip can be purchased from eScrip, or paper scrip can be purchased at school. Natural Grocery and Albertson's scrip can be purchased at school.

■ Reminder: Please remember to save and turn in General Mills box-tops for education to office.

■ May 11, PTA meeting, 7 p.m., Marin multipurpose room

■ May 18, open house, 7 p.m.

### Ocean View Elementary

■ SCIP for sale Wednesday mornings before school on playground; ask for Kim Denton. SCIP can also be ordered from office. Safeway scrip must be purchased from eScrip at 800-400-7878. Andronico's scrip can be purchased from eScrip, or paper scrip can be purchased at school.

■ We are now selling paper scrip from Ranch 99 Market.

■ RECYCLE used computer printer cartridges from your home or office. Look for bins in the library soon.

■ April 28, Turn Off TV Night, 6:15 p.m., Ocean View Multi-Purpose Room, volunteers and donations of food needed. Call Dorothea Dorenz at 525-8717

■ May 4, PTA meeting, 7 p.m., Ocean View Library

■ May 18, open house, 7 p.m.

### AUSD Board of Education

May 9, regular meeting, 7:30 p.m., Cornell Multi-Purpose Room

### AUSD calendar

■ Kindergarten registration: Call Elementary School closest to your residence

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# Victory Ship restoration highlights proud time in Richmond

We took a tour and had lunch on the Red Oak, a Victory Ship, recently. I am sure most of you know the Red Oak by now. It is that very large ship (well, as of now it still looks like a tub of rust), tied up to a wharf in Richmond.

But that is changing, very, very slowly. The ship has been examined and tested and shown to be basically seaworthy. One of these days it will sail again.

And that is due to the loving work being done, mostly by dedicated volunteers who are happy to scrape, scrub, smooth and paint.

They put in happy hours doing work that most of us would avoid. But they love ships, and they love this ship.

The Red Oak was one of the last ships built at the Kaiser Shipyards in Richmond in 1944-45. It was one of the hundreds Liberty and Victory ships. Each ship was built in a just a few weeks by the men and women who flocked to Richmond to take part in this most important war effort.

Richmond is being recognized, of late, for the very large part it

## Community Folk

By Clara-Rae Genser

played in World War II.

Richmond was a sleepy company town — the company was Standard Oil, now Chevron — of 23,000 that suddenly became a city 100,000. People came from all over the country and even other parts of the world. Most of them knew nothing about shipbuilding, but learned quickly.

It was also the place that had so many of the women working — the Rosie the Riveters that are to be recognized by a monument being planned for a park in the waterfront area of Richmond.

The Red Oak was named for a Iowa town that had most almost all of its young men killed during World War II. The deaths were a tragedy that the rest of the country felt deeply.

The ship was finished at a time when the war was nearing its end, but went to work as soon as it was floated, and worked well and hard. Along with other such ships, it was

mothballed after the war, only to be brought out and put to work again during the Korean affair (it wasn't a war, remember?).

It was mothballed again, but cleaned up and put to work once more during the Vietnam War.

Then its mothball status became permanent — until it was discovered by the people who thought Richmond should have something to show for the marvelous work that was done in the city.

The Red Oak was the only Victory Ship that was in a condition to be restored and put to use once again.

But what I wanted to talk about was touring the ship and reliving the lives of the men who lived in and worked in her, in the waning days of WW II. As you walk the narrow halls and peek in at the equally narrow cots and tiny space allotted to the crew, you feel the hardship and bone tiredness they must have experienced.

The officers' quarters are not much larger or any more spacious, but at least fewer people lived together there. And the officers mess

has just a little more room at the table.

We had our lunch in the crews' dining room, although other members of our group were in the other messes, including the captain's.

I am glad we did, because Thomas Miller came up and joined us. I had met him before, for I had toured the ship previously with the Kiwanis, and had descended to the boiler room to hear from him how that worked. What an experience.

Miller tells us he was a wiper, the lowest of the low as far as work on the ship was concerned.

The wiper follows everyone else around, wiping up spills and making sure not a drop of oil or other material is left on any of the surfaces, that might ignite or cause other troubles. Really a very important part of the work on the ship.

Miller might have been a wiper, but he knows everyone's job in this busy, crowded, hot, but most important part of the ship. No, it wasn't busy, crowded or hot when we were there, but we lived with him the days when she was at sea.

So he could tell us how, when the captain barked an order through the speaker, the boiler room crew responded, what they did and how they did it. And he told it with such enthusiasm, such joy. You couldn't help responding.

He showed us the valve he was working on. He had already scraped the rust off, and was cleaning and polishing it, ready to put it back in working order once again.

Another volunteer was in the machine shop working on another piece of equipment. He quietly went on about his work, smiling at us but not even really looking up from the restoration work he was doing.

Only a few of us clambered down the very narrow ladder that led to the boiler room, and we climbed very carefully indeed. But we were glad we had, for here, in the heart of the ship, we really learned what went on and who did what and how.

This tour was with the East Bay League I of the San Francisco Symphony Association, and it was a fun and delightful fund-raising

event. What a great way to see history, and become a part of it. Only organized groups can take the Red Oak, but it is a great way to do it.

The lunch is always simple, tasty and filling. Since the ship does not have running water, the food is not in working order while the group is touring. In fact, we admired the way the caterers carried the food, and the long gangway so easily and quickly. It was the same gangway we had toiled up, hanging on dear life. But that's all part of the fun.

For information, call 510-429-2933

I couldn't resist writing about the Red Oak once again. I feel it is very exciting that the Richmond Museum and the city of Richmond have brought it home, and are making it a vital part of our history. In fact, it is very exciting that the Red Oak is being recognized nationally for the history that was in that city not so terribly long ago. As always, I invite your response.

## Step back in time at Rotary benefit aboard USS Hornet

Rotary District District 5160 will cap its annual conference in Berkeley with a gala evening aboard the USS Hornet on Saturday, May 6.

The gala evening will highlight a live USO-type show and benefit Rotary International's PolioPlus Program.

If you are a nostalgia buff, you are invited to join us for a memorable evening of superb cuisine, dancing and entertainment presented by the renowned Walt Tolleston Orchestra, featuring the "Golden Years of the Big Bands."

The magical evening will also include personal guided tours of the historic aircraft carrier USS Hornet.

Proceeds will benefit Rotary International's PolioPlus program's promise to eradicate polio by 2005.

Rotary International helped develop National Immunization Days and other vaccination efforts that

have immunized more than 1.86 billion children the last five years alone.

According to the World Health Organization, during the last decade the number of polio cases worldwide has decreased by 90 percent.

Only 50 nations are left to inoculate.

The eradication of polio has to happen only once in the history of the world.

The disease is on the verge of extinction. Now is the time to finish the job.

Come spend a special evening with the District 5160 Rotarians and

celebrate the \$1.3 million they have raised to date toward worldwide eradication of polio.

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# Relief

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budget, but there's no in-  
crease in the amount of the dis-  
count. The loan enabled the dis-  
trict to keep its schools open in the  
face of a near financial collapse.

Organizers say the payments  
for West Contra Costa students  
will be made until 2017, when  
the district is scheduled to make its  
first payment.

A new generation of kids and  
adults is paying the price for a ter-  
rible error, Aroner said.

Aroner and Price said they hope  
the plan will focus the governor's at-  
tention on the district and show him  
the community's commitment to im-  
proving student performance.

Price has a tremendous oppor-  
tunity to work with a district on the  
edge of a major breakthrough,"  
said.

Assemblyman Tom Torlakson, D-  
Alameda, and state Sen. Don Perata,  
D-Alameda, also have thrown their  
weight behind the debt-relief effort.

They plan to attend the rally.  
Richard Rainey, R-Walnut Creek,  
has taken a position, but said he  
wasn't listening to district lobbyists  
when they go to Sacramento.

Torlakson said debt relief should  
be considered in light of the state's  
economic crisis. Lawmakers are  
looking for ways to give extra assis-  
tance to the state's lowest-performing  
schools, he said, but West Contra  
County's debt means the dis-

trict must start its climb with a dis-  
advantage.

"We have to help districts come  
up and hold them accountable," Tor-  
lakson said. "But if they don't have  
the financial tools other districts  
have, it makes it difficult for them to  
achieve the same goals."

Aroner said Davis has asked her  
to come up with an alternate way of  
relieving the debt other than simply  
erasing it from the books. But he did  
not specify a particular method.

Some community leaders say the  
district, which has a \$200 million an-  
nual budget, stands a better chance  
if it requests that the payments be  
reinvested in district programs to im-  
prove academic performance.

Under that proposal, the state  
would give the money back for spec-  
ific uses such as the district's new  
plan for federal Title I programs for  
poor students. Or the payments could  
count as the district's contribu-  
tion to other state programs.

But school financing is complica-  
ted, and it may prove difficult to  
mix from different pots of money, said  
Sherry Novick, Aroner's chief of staff.  
Trustee George Harris III said there  
is a lot of debate over how to convince  
the governor to relieve the debt, but  
the community should focus on rally-  
ing around a unified message.

"The message is the debt is hurting  
our children," Harris said. "If the gov-  
ernor agrees, the details should be easy."

*Suzanne Pardington covers education  
in West Contra Costa, Albany and  
Berkeley. Call her at 510-262-2798 or  
e-mail spardington@cctimes.com*

# Giddings

FROM PAGE A1

son if you need information about city  
elections, the City Council, council res-  
olutions, city ordinances, city commis-  
sions, or just about anything else that  
concerns El Cerrito civic government.

April 30 through May 6 is Municipal  
Clerks Week. Earlier this month, Mayor  
Mark Friedman and the City Council is-  
sued a city proclamation honoring Gid-  
dings and "all municipal clerks for the  
vital services they perform and their ex-  
emplary dedication to the communities  
they represent."

If you need background information  
about the City Council or public infor-  
mation about any of the city's many  
board commissioners or members, Gid-  
dings is the person to ask. She prepares

city proclamations and assists with city  
resolutions. The city clerk types and  
keeps the City Council and Redevel-  
opment Agency meeting minutes and ag-  
endas for public perusal, and keeps all city  
ordinances on file, up to date, and avail-  
able to the public.

Much of Giddings' job entails pro-  
cessing and filing the legally required pa-  
perwork for the state fair political prac-  
tices commission.

"Within my jurisdiction, El Cerrito's  
jurisdiction, I'm responsible for making  
sure that the forms get out to the right  
people, that they know the deadlines and  
that they get them in," Giddings said.

Giddings is the person who swears  
in all city police officers, firefighters and  
City Council members when they begin  
their service to the city. She is also El  
Cerrito's election official and a deputy  
elections officer for Contra Costa County.

Most of the public know Giddings as

the trim blonde woman who sits at a side  
table during City Council meetings quietly  
and efficiently recording council actions on  
her portable computer. Citizens call her of-  
fice with all kinds of questions and requests,  
and Giddings does her best to answer them  
in a pleasant and impartial manner.

"Probably the most important part of  
my job, and one that I have to keep re-  
membering, is that the city clerk must  
be neutral on every subject," Giddings  
said. "Impartial and neutral — to give  
out the information and try not to put a  
spin on it. We need to be impartial and  
treat everybody the same."

"I get a lot of calls," Giddings said.  
She pointed out that every City Hall em-  
ployee gets phone calls from the public  
for information requests.

"I get calls for everything imaginable,"  
she said.

People call to ask about El Cerrito  
history, city facts, city ordinances and to

complain about their neighbors.

"I get calls about 'Come fix my street,'  
and 'What do I do about tree-view com-  
plaints?' and 'People are speeding in front  
of my house,' and 'There's too much  
noise,'" Giddings said.

People call her to complain that a  
neighbor's tree is blocking their view or  
dropping leaves into their yard.

"All kinds of neighbor complaints,"  
she said. "A lot of times people just want  
to talk; they just want to get it off their  
chest."

"Some things I refer to the city man-  
ager, some things I try to help myself."

She often helps by transferring or re-  
ferring the caller to the appropriate city  
department to address the complaint.

"One of the most satisfying things  
I do is when someone calls in all frus-  
trated and I am actually able to help  
them find a solution," she said. "That  
feels real good."

# Rugaard

FROM PAGE A1

"Everybody's got sewer infrastruc-  
tures that are wearing out and falling  
apart," Rugaard said. "What we've done  
is develop the tools here that allow you  
to manage that problem and make it  
most cost-efficient and effective."

Dwight Merrill, president of the  
Steger board of directors, said Rugaard  
has kept the district at the forefront  
of the technological revolution.

"(Rugaard) is an innovator and I  
think the rest of the country is going  
to follow," Merrill said. "He showed  
the way to rehabilitate sewer systems."

On a more personal level, Merrill  
said Rugaard is "easy to work with,  
and he's concerned about the cus-  
tomers and concerned about the staff  
and very interested that everything  
gets done right."

Merrill said the entire board ad-  
mires and appreciates Rugaard's  
work at Steger.

"It's been great working with  
him," he said.

As an example of Steger innova-  
tion, Rugaard cited the district's sys-  
tem that allows specific videotaped  
sewer pipe information to be trans-  
ferred to digital photos.

"Then you can actually take the  
digital photos, put them in a folder,  
attach them to a database and then

display them graphically on a com-  
puter," he said.

"Now it's shared on the network,  
the information is shared instead of  
being on a single videotape, and so  
now anybody, an engineer or the main-  
tenance people can readily go in and  
just click a button, pull up the file, and  
walk their way right up the sewer."

"They can see the condition of the  
sewer. We have done a condition as-  
sessment of every line in this system."

"We're probably the only sanitary  
firm in the country that, when asked  
the question, 'How much is it going  
to cost to fix it?' we can tell you ex-  
actly," Rugaard said with pride in his  
voice. "We're probably the only one  
in the country that can do that."

Rugaard pointed out that through staff  
training, Steger does its own in-house  
design work and most of its own con-  
struction management work and thus avoids  
the cost of hiring outside consultants.

"We've saved over \$500,000 just do-  
ing that in the last two years," he said.

A new management information  
system has also greatly increased staff  
productivity at Steger, Rugaard said.

"Information now is just immedi-  
ately available at their fingertips."

"My stay here has been great. I've  
really enjoyed it," Rugaard said when  
asked if he will miss being district  
manager at Steger.

"The people, the board, the entire  
work effort going on here has just  
been exciting and wonderful for me."

# Digital

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ly transcribed NTSC format,  
of the present Super-VHS for-  
mat. Damon said. "If citizens want  
out a copy to make their  
copies, we should do so on a  
library basis."

Videos would be transferred  
impact disc after one year, for  
volume storage.

Other City Council mem-  
bers receptive to Damon's  
resident Thom Stark's  
vision to use a digital format  
DVD ROM instead of video  
and CD.

resident Steve Magvary sug-

gested using any new meeting  
recording system "in addition to  
rather than in lieu of" the current  
traditional written minutes, at least  
in the near term. "Let's face it, a lot  
of people don't have computers;  
some people have trouble running  
their VCRs," Magvary said.

Mayor Mark Friedman suggested  
that staff consider the matter "and  
come back to us with some sugges-  
tions and options of how we can im-  
plement some of these changes."

Councilwoman Kathleen Perka  
said she would not support the use  
of action minutes only without the  
additional video or digital record.  
Perka characterized action minutes  
as "rather sterile and mechanical."

# Albany

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gone when officers arrived.

■ On the evening of April 20, a resi-  
dent on the 900 block of Peralta Av-  
enue reported that vandals had at-  
tempted to pry the screen off a rear  
window of her home.

■ On the evening of April 21, a resi-  
dent on the 500 block of Talbot Avenue  
reported that thieves had stolen her purse  
from her green 1993 Suzuki Trooper while  
it was parked in her driveway.

■ On the night of April 21, a resident  
reported that thieves had broken into her  
plum colored 1994 Saturn and stole items  
while it was parked in a lot behind the  
Post Office on Solano Avenue.

■ Shortly after midnight on April  
22, Albany officers stopped a white  
1973 Oldsmobile Cutlass near Fair-  
mont Street for erratic driving. The  
driver, a 26-year-old Richmond man,  
was found to be intoxicated and had  
three active traffic warrants. He was  
arrested, cited and taken to the  
Berkeley jail.

■ On the afternoon of April 22, a  
resident on the 1200 block of Brighton  
Avenue reported that thieves had stolen  
her blue 1982 Honda Civic.

■ During the afternoon of April 23,  
a resident on the 800 block of Solano  
Avenue reported that thieves had broke  
into her home through an window,  
prowled the house and stole items.

During the week of April 16, Albany  
officers towed one car, responded to

three false alarms, attended to seven  
lost or deceased animals, assisted two  
people who were locked out of their  
house or car, and responded to two  
complaints of barking dogs.

In the domestic arena, officers re-

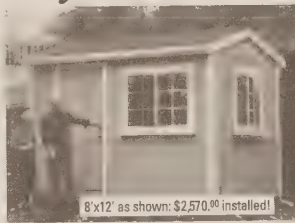
sponded to 18 reports of civil distur-  
bances and 78 civil assists.

Albany officers stopped 50 vehicles  
issuing 25 citations and 25 warnings.

Albany firefighters/paramedics re-  
sponded to 11 medical emergencies.

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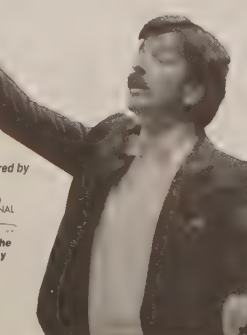
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## Thumb your nose at hard work

*Advance planning and, yes, a bit of elbow grease, mean easy gardening in the long run*

By Tina Bournazos  
CORRESPONDENT

Does the extent of your green thumb consist of thumbing through the pages of gardening magazines while standing in the check out line at the grocery? Do you long for a beautiful garden but think you just don't have the time?

Think again. Even the novice gardener can create an enjoyable outside space in less time and with less effort than you think. The trick is to think small, do the prep work and accessorize.

To begin, choose a manageable space. No spot is too small. A single bed, a border or even a container or basket will do. (We'll get to containers and baskets a little later.)

Next comes weeding and soil preparation, two of the most important but least exciting aspects of gardening. There is just no avoiding it, and getting the dirty work done now will reduce work later, says Anthony Garza, manager of Magic Garden in Berkeley.

"I really can't stress enough the importance of prep work. Initial prep is going to save you time tenfold over the years," Garza says.

He recommends pulling weeds, or using a spray weed killer only as a last resort. While he favors organic gardening products and is not a proponent of herbicide sprays, Garza says Round Up is a relatively safe and effective weed killing product.

Once the weeds are pulled, he suggests preventing their return by irrigating the soil to unearth weed seeds and pulling the new weed seedlings that sprout.

"You don't want weeds to compete with new plants for nutrients, sun and water," he says.

Next comes the fun part — selecting plants.

Garza advises choosing plants and shrubs native to Northern California or from similar Mediterranean climates because they are hardier and require less care.

"If you match the plant to the climate, you won't need to fertil-



MARK RUSSELL/STAFF

**NATIVE PLANTS** are a good bet for an easy maintenance garden, says Anthony Garza of Magic Garden in Berkeley.

ize as often," he says.

Lavender, and Mexican or Santa Barbara daisies are just a few of the many easy-care flowering plants that are well suited to the Bay Area and readily available in local nurseries. Easy care shrubs include rockrose, coffeeberry and tobira.

And often overlooked by home gardeners are ornamental grasses that can add interest, texture and foliage to a landscape. Many or-

namental grasses grow feathery seasonal plumes and may have colorful striated leaves.

Look for New Zealand flax, and red or purple fountain grass. Some grasses can grow rather large, so you may want to consider

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# Gardening

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look for dwarf varieties.

## Enjoying the night

Flowering vines are another plant worth considering. They can add fragrance and interest to a gate, covered patio or garden wall. Night-blooming vines like morning glories and stock are good choices for areas you only get to enjoy on evenings after work.

After selecting your plants, mulching and fertilizing will help keep them healthy. Mulching — applying a layer of shredded bark atop the soil — helps suppress weeds, retains moisture, and improves the soil over time. Garza recommends using two to three inches of shredded red cedar bark.

Fertilizer feeds plants. Garza favors dry organic pellet fertilizers like Whitney Farms or Osmocote, a synthetic, time-released pellet fertilizer.

## In the basket

If weeding, preparing the soil, mulching and fertilizing sound a little overwhelming, try planting in a hanging basket or container. They are great ways of adding seasonal color to an existing landscape. Both will benefit from fertilizing and mulching, but neither require weeding to get started.

"Plants grown in containers are easier to maintain," says Ken Adachi, manager of Adachi, an El Sobrante nursery. "Pest control and weeding are minimized and the plants are portable."

Adachi mixes bright perennials for vibrant, long lasting color.

Hanging baskets overflowing with annuals or perennials are another easy way to liven up a patio or porch. Navlet's Nursery and Garden Center customer service manager Tim Nash suggests using taipan verbena in baskets throughout the yard since they thrive in that setting. They come in brilliant powder blues and deep purples. Another



WIND FAIRIES are new items at Tassajara Nursery in Danville, designed to enliven a garden.

great perennial that will bloom until winter is scabiosa. It is perfect for this time of year in light butterfly blue or soft pink.

Like containers, hanging baskets or color balls — flowering plants nested in a moss lined wire basket — require little maintenance. The materials to create your own basket are available in nurseries as are pre-planted baskets ready to hang.

## Think things

To create an even more enjoyable garden without actually planting anything, consider accessorizing.

Just as throw pillows can change the look of a sofa, garden plaques, statues and benches can change the look and feel of a garden. Everything from whimsical statuettes to modern fountains and classic urns can be found in nurseries and garden centers.

According to Matt Akabane of Tassajara Nursery in Danville, popular accessories this season include shepherd hooks and gazing balls.

Shepherd hooks are reminiscent of Little Bo-Peep — long poles with a hooked end for hanging a plant. Shepherd hooks can be placed just about anywhere and add height to a low growing garden.

Gazing balls, popular in 18th and 19th centuries, are making a comeback, Akabane says. They are the outdoor equivalent of a crystal ball, orbs with a reflective finish that catch sunlight and the garden.

"They look really artsy within the garden," says Nash, who recommends placing them on copper, cement or iron stands for a more dramatic effect. They come in a variety of vibrant colors including gold, silver, purple and iridescent glass.

Adding a water element to your garden can also bring a new dimension to an existing landscape and create a relaxing atmosphere and drown out other noises or add pleasing background sounds. The trend in fountains today is modern looking designs that resemble sculptures. Rock fountains with bubbling, overflowing brook scenes are pop-

ular, according to Nash.

And you need not dig a pond to enjoy water plants. An urn or barrel filled with water plants like water lilies, horsetail or water hyacinths can add a contrast to existing plants and tie an entire garden together.

Even a simple bird bath can help to finish and outdoor space. Bird baths and container water gardens require no weeding, mulching or fertilizing. Just add water.

## Resources

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# William R. Yelland and the Bay Area's Medieval legacy

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By Mark A. Wilson

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part two of two parts  
last week's column, I discussed the enchanting Medieval legacy of the architect William R. Yelland who designed dozens of buildings with whimsical versions of Medieval styles throughout the East Bay.

described the unique charms of the greatest body of work, the apartment complex at 1831-33 Spruce Street in North Berkeley. This week, they will be tucked away in the corner of Normandy Village itself to seem completely removed from the modern environment. This week, they have been listed for sale as a single property on one large lot with 18,000 square feet.

1833 Spruce St. stands Thornberg's private residence. It was certainly built in 1928, as was the duplex next door, from the initials William Yelland made in the Normandy Village complex. The house is a superb example of the Norman Medieval-style residence. It has a steeply-pitched, gabled roof which retains many of the original-made wooden shingles and a dormer window.

The exterior walls of The Thornberg house are made of sienna-colored stucco. The heavy oak front door has its wrought-iron handle and knocker. There is also an east-iron lamp fixture next to the door. A wooden fence separates the house and adjacent duplex from the rest of Normandy Village. The interior of the Thornberg house has many rich, interesting details and a surprisingly spacious quality. The ceiling of the impressive living room is over 18 feet high. A long, original iron light fixture hangs from the middle of the room. The brick fireplace has a flue decorated with a zigzag pattern of bricks and an arched opening above the firebox. The floors of the living room are hardwood.

Along the east wall of the living room is an interior staircase with balusters that leads to the second bedroom. On the north side is a large, multi-paned, metal window that faces the garden of the house. The down-bedroom has beamed ceilings, oak doors, and two walk-in closets with built-in shelves. The master bedroom is at the back of the house, has pine floors and a rear door that leads onto a brick, fenced patio. There is also a full bath on this

master bedroom upstairs has a vaulted, 12-foot peaked ceiling paneled in redwood. The walls have metal lattice work and some of their original hardware. The floors are oak. An adjacent bathroom has a shower stall, and the old fixtures. The Thornberg house has a total of two-plus bedrooms, two full baths and 1,179

square feet of living area. The duplex next door, at 1831-33 Spruce St., is one of the most picturesque structures in the entire Normandy Village complex. There is a humorous gargoyle head carved on

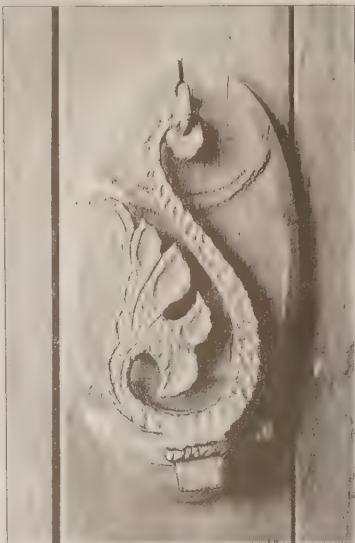
the figures of men or animals. There is a Medieval overhang along the west wall. The roof is hipped and covered with wood shingles and there is a tall stucco-covered round chimney.

The larger unit of the duplex is number 1831. It has the same 18-foot high ceiling as Thornberg's house, and another wrought-iron, two-foot hanging light fixture. The ceiling has redwood paneling and the floors of the living room are oak random-plank. There is a kitchen and full bath off the north end of the living room.

A set of heavy metal sliding glass doors lead from the rear of the living room out onto a wide deck. These sliding glass doors are one of the first such doors used on any residence in all of Berkeley. The deck has a barbecue pit opening from the exterior of the brick chimney flue. The view from this deck is lovely, looking out over the rooftops of the rest of Normandy Village to the north. Behind the duplex is a surprisingly large fenced backyard, with thick vegetation for privacy around the exterior and a sunny flagstone patio in the middle.

The interior of number 1831 now has a spiral, cast-iron staircase added by the current owner, which leads to a loft also added by the current owner. The loft is used as a bedroom and home office. A fine set of curved brackets lines a balustrade balcony along the outer edge of this loft. Below this, on the ground floor, there is a small alcove with a built-in desk.

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Dark stucco and an oak door are distinguishing features of the house which Yelland built for in Normandy Village for Colonel Thornberg.

the end of a beam above the wooden covered exterior staircase. Two Tuscan-style wood columns flank the entrance to this staircase. There are parking spaces on the ground floor facing the front of this duplex, one for each of the three dwelling units on this lot. The heavy doors to these two units each have carved, bas-relief

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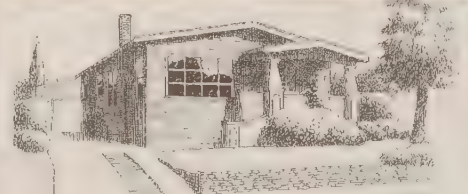
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# Local Realtor warns of the pitfalls of sealed bids

In a normal market, sellers experience joy when told there is an offer on their home and are happy to have it presented in person by the buyer's agent. A speedier market in our area leads sellers to delay hearing offers until an appointed day, often five to 10 days after marketing begins.

As multiple offers on properties have become the rule in this most ludicrous of markets, sealed bids are on the rise. This means buyers' agents who wish to offer on a particular property must deliver a signed purchase contract in a sealed envelope to the seller's agent by the designated date and time. Sellers need to know why most buyers and their agents dislike sealed bids; buyers must understand how this increases their vulnerability.

## Reasons for sealed bids

- Reasons for this procedure are:
- Numerous offers. This is subjective. Some agents do sealed bids with five offers, others with more than 15.
  - One or more sellers are out of town
  - Sellers are elderly or ill
  - Bank owned property
  - Large number of sellers
  - Probate sale or conservatorship
  - Property where seller has no personal connection, e.g., an inheritance
  - Extremely busy seller
- On the above list of reasons for sealed bids, I did not include "a very busy agent." If you are a seller whose salesperson cannot make time to rep-

## What You Don't Know Can Hurt You



By Don Dunning

resent you completely, you might have made the wrong choice of agent.

## Concerns about sealed bids

- Some concerns and negatives about this approach:
- By scheduling personal presentations, the listing agent knows how many offers to expect, although this can fluctuate. With sealed bids, buyers' agents frequently do not indicate their intention to write a contract in advance; they simply drop it off at the last minute. In this situation, it is almost impossible for buyers to get a reading on how many offers they are competing against. Not having this key information makes bidding, already stressful, even more difficult and uncomfortable for buyers.
  - The seller and his agent do not get the opportunity to compare the quality of Realtor presentations.
  - Buyers may assume there will be too many other offers and not

write a contract. One of my buyers recently benefited from this exact scenario. When multiple offers did not materialize as expected, I called him before presenting and he lowered his price accordingly. Later, other agents said they had buyers who would have made an offer, but the competition expected with sealed bids scared them off.

■ Some buyers refuse to play the sealed bids game. This could result in fewer offers, depending on the property and price.

■ The winning buyer could find a reason to renegotiate or rescind if the number of offers was less than he anticipated when he determined his price.

## Seller should make the call

The best and most professional Realtors provide information and let the client decide. Some listing agents, however, dictate the presentation process without adequately explaining the advantages and disadvantages of closed bids.

As a seller, you must decide if there is a compelling reason for you not to personally listen to offers on your home. Ask yourself if the possibility of netting more is worth three or four additional hours of your time.

An experienced professional can coordinate the presentations and limit them to 10 minutes each. If you are considering sealed bids, tell your agent how many offers would be more than you would be willing to hear personally.

Understand that there is an in-between approach where you can tell

the market you are entertaining sealed bids, but you will listen to personal presentations of those agents who insist. It is best to resolve these questions before marketing begins.

Beware of real estate salespeople who say they do not want to hear too many offers. An agent who is looking out for you will do everything possible to maximize the number of offers you receive.

Buyers should protect themselves. Make sure you instruct your agent to call you before delivering or presenting your contract if the number of competing offers is substantially less than you expected. This is true any time there are multiple offers.

It could cost you a house if your agent does not present and another contract is chosen. On the other hand, it could save you tens of thousands of dollars if fewer bids materialize.

## Final thoughts

Sealed bids can work out well or they can be a disaster. The implications are not always fully considered by buyers, sellers, or their agents. Make sure you choose a professional who knows the pros and cons and is working in your best interests.

To read previous, related articles, Multiple Offers and Hot Market Gambits, visit my Web site at [www.eastbay-realtor.com](http://www.eastbay-realtor.com), or call me.

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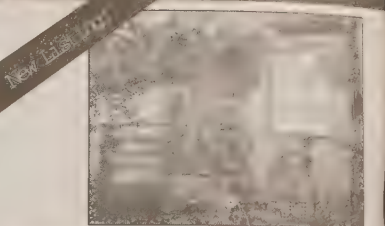
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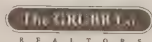


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# Do you love your garden? Prune it well

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When we were young, one of us had a paper route, and the other worked for an aunt and uncle. Gardening brother was only 9 years old. In spite of all the pruning, soil tilling, mowing, weeding and pruning performed for him, the experience led to a life-long passion for gardening.

One of the lessons learned early on was the importance of pruning. When making a tree, shrub or bush more shapely and attractive, pruning can stimulate growth, control size and prevent disease and pest infestation. Pruning can also improve fruit production of flowering and fruit-bearing trees and shrubs.

The key to good pruning is knowing when to prune, the tools to use and how to avoid becoming a "bush doctor."

The best season to prune most trees and shrubs — including summer-blooming bushes and shrubs — is late winter/early spring, during the dormant period. Start by pruning around level a few of the old shrubs from all mature shrubs existing in the early-flowering types. Remove weak, broken and crowded branches from dormant fruit trees. Cut back branches that have flowered. Prune evergreens of winter-damaged and discolored foliage.

Dead or diseased branches should be removed at any time during the year. Failure to do so can mean the death of a favorite shrub or tree.

Don't make the mistake of pruning prized spring-blooming shrubs before they have the opportunity to bear their beauty. Wait till the last bloom has blossomed and then pull out your pruning shears.

Summer-blooming bushes and



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shrubs should be pruned in late winter or early spring. Prune shade trees such as maple, birch, walnut and poplar during the fall and winter. Fruit trees should be pruned in late winter or early spring to enhance production.

Having the right tools can make the job safer, easier and less stressful for your trees and shrubs. In addition, picking the right tool for the job ensures that your plants will heal quickly. Hand pruners work well for small jobs, whereas loppers are best for larger jobs up to 2 inches thick.

Hedge shears are your best bet for hedges, bushes and shrubs. A pole tree-trimmer is ideal for those hard-to-reach tree limbs. A pruning saw and a bow saw are best for medium-to-big pruning jobs.

The two most popular hand-pruning shears are the anvil and bypass styles. The anvil is best for cutting woody stems or dead wood up to 1/4-inch in diameter.

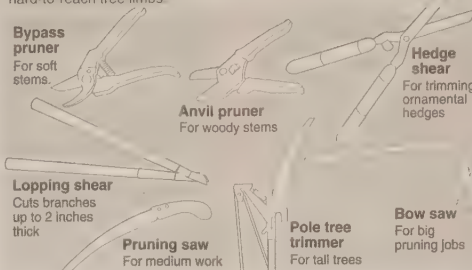
The bypass shear is best for soft stems up to 1/4-inch in diameter. It's the one we have the most experience with, because it's recommended for roses. It allows cutting closer to the trunk of the plant, which means quicker healing of the bark. If you like cut flowers, use the bypass, because it won't crush the end of the stems.

Whichever pruning tool you choose, it's important that it be kept sharp, clean and lubricated. A sharp tool will make the job of pruning easier and allow the bark to heal sooner.

Using sterile pruning tools will prevent the spread of disease. Sterilize pruning tools using a solution of 1 1/2 cups of bleach in 2 gallons of water. Af-

## Pruning guidelines

Picking the right tool for the job ensures that your plants will heal more quickly. Hand pruners work well for small jobs; loppers for large jobs; hedge shears for hedges, bushes and shrubs, and tree pruners for hard-to-reach tree limbs.



## Optimum pruning times

The best time to prune is generally during the plant's dormant period, usually in late winter. However, pruning should be done year-round as needed.

■ **Dead, broken or diseased branches**  
Remove anytime

■ **Summer-blooming bushes and shrubs**  
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■ **Spring-blooming bushes**  
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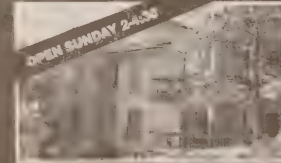
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# Annual Berkeley Architectural Heritage Assn. house tour is Sunday May 7

## BERKELEY ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE ASSN.

**BERKELEY** — The Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association will hold its 25th annual House tour and reception Sunday May 7 from 1 - 5 p.m.. This year's tour, "Claremont Country Houses and Their Gardens," is a hidden residential enclave in Berkeley's Claremont neighborhood.

The tour includes the interiors and gardens of houses dating from the early part of the 19th century on the site and in the neighborhood of the Duncan McDuffie Estate. There will also be a garden reception.

Tickets for the self-guided house tour and reception are \$25 for BAHHA members and their guests, and \$32 for general admission. Call 510-841-2242.

Berkeley's charm lies in its residential neighborhoods beyond main thoroughfares and busy streets. The Claremont District, nestled among the foothills of southeast Berkeley in the vicinity of the Claremont Hotel, is one of the most delightful.

Claremont was first subdivided in 1905 and offered the amenities of a country estate, with the advantages of convenient transportation to Oakland and San Francisco. Beyond Claremont there is yet another "Claremont" higher in the hills. In 1905 this area was still rural and lent itself to the creation of large country estates.

One of the developers of "Claremont" was Duncan McDuffie, a

young man in 1905, who had graduated from the University of California in 1899. McDuffie acquired 10 acres of a steep wooded canyon southwest of Tunnel Road that was bisected by a creek and lush with native oak, buckeye, and bay.

In 1909 he engaged University of California architect John Galen Howard to make plans for an extensive country estate along Tunnel Road. He also sought the services of the Olmsted Brothers, the landscape design firm founded by Frederick Law Olmsted in Brookline, Mass. Olmsted had created Central Park in New York in the 1850s. McDuffie was also working with the Olmsted firm for the landscape design of his San Francisco subdivision, St. Francis Wood.

While McDuffie worked on the design of his estate, he and his wife resided in his elegant garage which had been converted into a suitable country residence.

McDuffie seemed most interested, however, in the landscape design for his property and he actively participated in the planning and planting of his many acres.

By 1918 McDuffie decided not to build the grand mansion he had planned, but to build a "country villa" and to subdivide half of his land. In 1924 the McDuffie's new home, designed by Willis Polk, was ready for them on Roble Road. He continued to create and plant a park-like gar-

den with the Olmsted Bros. firm. The garden is composed of both formal and informal features. Steps and retaining walls built of native stone form a series of terraces stepping down into the canyon while rows of poplars define vistas.

Also under the supervision of the Olmsted firm, most of the original estate was subdivided and country houses were built, each with its own grand garden, and many incorporate pieces of the Olmsted-designed estate.

Today Roble Road and Roble Court retain the tranquil atmosphere of country lanes. Mature plantings of old gardens drape over moss-stained walls and the street is shaded with broad-leaved trees.

Stone obelisks and a stand of eucalyptus mark the Berkeley border with Oakland and here the street narrows into a true country lane.

On Sunday, May 7, the public will have the opportunity to view homes and gardens that stand on the original McDuffie estate. The McDuffies' 1924 home will be open as will the home of architect Walter E. Ratcliff, Sr. built in 1914.

The work of architects W.R. Yelland, Bernard Maybeck and Warren Perry will also be featured. Enjoy a springtime afternoon visit to Berkeley's hidden rural enclave and to "Claremont's Country Houses and Their Gardens."



FOUR FAMOUS ARCHITECTS' work will be featured on the Berkeley Architectural Heritage Assn. tours on May 7. Above, the McDuffie house in the Claremont area, is one of the homes on the tour.

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**12845 Brookpark Road**

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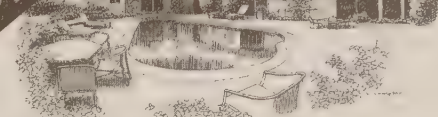
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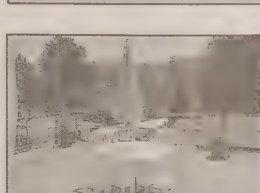
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Three Bedrooms (includes a Master Suite)

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Two family rooms

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## FEATURED HOME OF THE WEEK



LAWTON ASSOCIATES

## 1616 LAWTON AVE., ROCKRIDGE HEARTLAND

With its four bedrooms and three full bathrooms, the re-created space makes this Rockridge home a comfortable living space for four or five people. It has retained the charm of the original design, but added space that modern day buyers have come to expect.

The living room has a fireplace with hardwood floors, opening to a spacious dining room that can easily seat a large group. The kitchen has been redone with space added for a breakfast bar and nook with seating, a breakfast bar and family room. The living room is a private suite with one of three

full bathrooms that serves as an office/guest suite. The family room opens to a deck and a view of a beautifully-landscaped yard ready for an evening barbecue.

Upstairs are three more bedrooms, which include a master suite with a full bathroom plus another full bathroom that serves the other two bedrooms. Also on the second floor is a sitting room with its own private bathroom. The French doors from the master can be left closed for privacy or opened for a feeling of outdoors.

There is attic storage and spacious storage in the bedrooms. The garage is quite spacious and can easily accommodate one car and has room for more storage or could be

used as a workspace.

A striking feature of this home is the feeling of spaciousness and the abundance of light — rare in a bungalow. This has been achieved, in part, though the generous use of French doors (eight pairs). Light streams through the windows of the master suite and the kitchen/family/breakfast nook.

This home is slated to appear in Better Homes and Gardens Magazine later this year, so don't miss the opportunity to see it in person at the open house on Sunday.

From this house, the homeowner can walk to College Avenue and Broadway. The beautiful Rockridge area including College Avenue contains many gourmet and specialty food shops along with unique clothing, jewelry and children's stores. There are some wonderful restaurants from formal to casual, providing a great variety of food choices ranging from Japanese to French Cuisine to burgers and pizza and, of course, BART, city buses and easy access to the freeways. Neighborhood activities include parades and street fairs.

For information on Rockridge, <http://bayarea.citysearch.com/E/F/5F/OCA/000/08/88/2.html>, or <http://www.rockridgemarket.com/html> or <http://www.rockridgemarket.com/html>.

The house is offered by Ron Kriss, partner, Lawton Associates. For an online tour, [www.5816LawtonAve.com](http://www.5816LawtonAve.com) or call, 510-547-5970.

## Yelland

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and a walk-in closet along the living room walls.

The smaller unit, number 1833, nevertheless also has an 18-foot high ceiling in the living room. The floors here are random-plank oak as well. The fireplace on the west wall is stucco and has a metal band above the hearth with the words "Peace on Earth" painted on it.

A studio bedroom is in the loft above the east wall, with a ladder stairway leading to it.

Redwood paneling lines all of the walls in the living room of this unit, and all of the windows still have their

UNUSUAL beams highlight the Yelland home.



original metal lattice-work and hardware. Dutch-style double doors lead into the kitchen along the north wall, which has a full bath off of it. And below the loft in the living room is a large walk-in closet with its original wooden shelves.

The Thornberg House and duplex

are being held open for the public on Sunday, April 30 from 2 to 4 p.m. The property is being offered for \$825,000.

For information, or to arrange a showing, call David Ratoosh at Marvin Gardens Real Estate, Berkeley, 510-527-2700, ext. 44.

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**822 SANTA BARBARA**  
Quintessential Brown Shingle with big bay views & updating! 5BR/3.5BA, study, den, family rm, 2 car garage! Location of the movie "Insider"  
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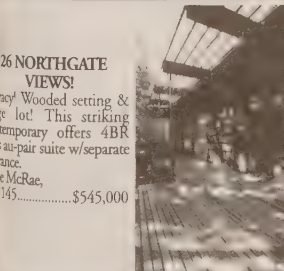
**2106 CALIFORNIA**  
2 Houses on One Lot! Top of the line front house rebuilt in 1993! Stunning kitchen, 4BR/2BA + large fam rm that could be used as an artist's studio, deck. Garden adjoins back house which is a 3BR/2BA w/large eat-in, hwdw flrs, fireplace.  
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**1611 THOUSAND OAKS**  
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**2604 Martin Luther King, Open Sunday 2-4:30**  
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Jack McPhail, ext. 135 .....\$445,000



**1729 B & C 6th ST.**  
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**7172 Norfolk.** Beautiful, new 4BD/2.5BA brown shingle. Stunning cook's kitchen and bay/canyon views.  
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**1862 Clemens Road.** Just listed! 2BD/1BA storybook Tudor with exquisite hardwood floors and updated kitchen.  
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**Rockridge Craftsman .....\$349,000**

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**4047 Rusting Avenue.** Sparkling 3BD/2BA plus den. Private garden with spa. Definitely a ten.  
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**\*Open Sunday 2-4:30 .....\$365,000**

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**Open Sunday 2-4 797 Taft St.** #A. 3BD/2BA townhouse, vaulted ceiling, dining room, deck, garage, storage, view of East Bay cities.  
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3 Dowitcher Cr - \$249,000  
1311 East Webster St - \$205,000  
424 Harbor Light Rd - \$345,000  
2205 San Antonio Av #6 - \$167,000  
57 Sea Bridge Wy - \$440,000  
1716 Tregloan Ct - \$279,500  
5 Whimbrel Cr - \$333,000

## ALBANY

555 Pierce St #541 - \$196,000

## BERKELEY

2727 Alcatraz Av - \$770,000  
800 Delaware St - \$223,000  
717 Euclid Av - \$575,000  
1004 Hearst Av - \$415,000  
15 Maybeck Twin Dr - \$800,000  
2314 McGee Av - \$360,000  
1511 Milk Jr Wy - \$512,500  
1515 Oxford St #1B - \$388,000  
935 Regal Rd - \$585,000  
1719 San Lorenzo Av - \$360,000  
1406 Scenic Av - \$426,000  
1306 Virginia St - \$400,000

## EL CERRITO

810 Galvin Dr - \$375,000  
2052 Harper St - \$455,000  
730 Liberty St - \$318,000

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895 Bridgeway Cr - \$375,000  
4842 El Grande Pl - \$280,000  
597 La Paloma Rd - \$244,000  
3747 Painted Pony Rd - \$325,000

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1280 61st St - \$227,000  
7 Captain Dr #317 - \$276,000  
8 Captain Dr #361 - \$168,000  
4 Commodore Dr #522 - \$157,000

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16 Beverly Ct - \$530,000  
263 Colgate Av - \$515,000  
203 Willamette Av - \$599,000

## OAKLAND

2023 103rd Av - \$168,500  
2842 14th Av - \$95,000  
2711 25th Av - \$123,000  
433 40th St - \$438,000  
390 51st St - \$185,000  
882 53rd St - \$140,000  
2914 56th Av - \$168,000  
3012 60th Av - \$159,500

595 62nd St - \$285,000  
1600 88th Av - \$121,500  
1334 93rd Av - \$150,000  
9838 A St - \$130,000  
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3145 Cuthbert Av - \$167,000  
615 East 21st St - \$200,000  
2132 East 22nd St - \$176,500  
3964 Edwards Av - \$165,000  
5461 El Camile Av - \$160,000  
3334 Elmwood Av - \$160,000  
25 Evergreen Ln - \$110,000  
801 Franklin St - \$199,000  
2801 Frazier Av - \$212,000  
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3223 Kempton Av - \$235,000  
320 Lee St #304 - \$191,000  
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741 Billings Bl - \$230,000  
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1519 Coral Av - \$267,000  
843 Emerald Av - \$290,000  
46 Estabrook St - \$230,000  
865 Fulton Av - \$285,000  
1171 Glen Dr - \$565,000  
1135 Halcyon Dr - \$188,000  
15518 Harbor Wy - \$393,500  
2456 Heathrow Ln - \$235,500  
14615 Juniper St - \$209,000  
1226 Kelly Av - \$200,000

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16743 Winding B - \$173,000

## SAN LORENZO

771 Linea Av - \$175,000  
982 Soto Dr - \$175,000  
18635 Times Av - \$175,000  
17113 Via Alamo - \$175,000  
16081 Via Cabrera - \$175,000  
17109 Via Magdalena - \$175,000  
17205 Via Melrose - \$175,000  
17830 Via Segura - \$175,000

## On the average

## ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 9  
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$167,000  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$475,000  
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$279,500  
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$328,667

## ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 1  
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$196,000  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$196,000  
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$ 0.00  
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$196,000

## BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 12  
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$223,000  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$800,000  
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$415,000  
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$484,542

## EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 3  
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$318,000  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$455,000  
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$375,000  
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$382,667

## EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 5  
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$244,000  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$375,000  
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$280,000  
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$306,800

## EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 4  
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$157,000  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$276,000  
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$168,000  
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$207,000

## KENSINGTON

TOTAL SALES: 3  
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$515,000  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$599,000  
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$530,000  
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$548,000

## OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 56  
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$78,000  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$585,000  
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$177,000  
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$228,652

## PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 3  
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$505,000  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$875,000  
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$820,000  
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$733,333

## RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 17  
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$125,000  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$730,000  
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$175,000  
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$232,118

## SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 32  
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$133,500  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$565,000  
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$230,000  
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$258,516

## SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 8  
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$150,000  
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$332,000  
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$230,000  
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$231,000

## Decorator has pointers for accessorizing

By Danny C. Flanders  
COX NEWS SERVICE

Here are some tips from Atlanta interior designer Jillian Pritchard for displaying accessories:

■ If you lack small collections, buy inexpensive items, such as candlesticks, colored glass or picture frames from stores such as Pier 1 Imports, Crate & Barrel or Pottery Barn.

■ Use old encyclopedias as platforms for displaying other items and to fill space in bookcases.

■ Vary the heights of items; avoid placing similar-size ones together.

■ Use greenery, such as a potted plant, to add natural materials.

■ Don't use candles when you want to emphasize the candlesticks.

■ Fill gaps under side tables with

large baskets or pots to draw the eye toward the floor.

■ Emphasize small paintings with interesting frames, propping them against the table, mantle or bookshelf.

■ Group items of similar style to create impact.

■ Mix metals within a color scheme, such as brass, bronze and copper, to create interest.

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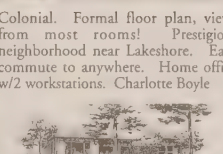
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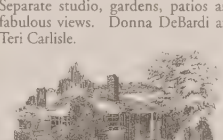
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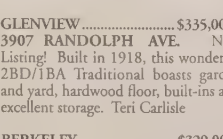
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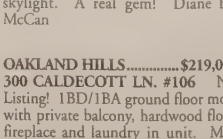
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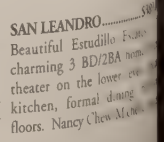
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# Careful choices refine remodeling results and can keep costs down

By Barbara Mayer  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quality tells, every time — especially in renovations. Some renovation projects are obviously a change for the better. Others, despite the money lavished on them, are disappointing. What principle can be adopted to assure a quality renovation job?

A contractor, an interior designer, or an architect who frequently does home renovation projects, can help with their answers.

Two features characterize virtually every well-done renovation, and especially the living room and dining room. Says Lee Stahl, president of Renovated Home, a contractor and design firm in Manhattan, "The first is a well-done paint job, and the second is the presence of moldings."

Proper paint job starts well before the paint can be opened, with preparation of the walls. An excellent paint job will reduce the cost of the job from 30 to 50 percent. It's a worthwhile expense. It will minimize the need for repainting for many years, the contractor says.

How do you know you have an expert painter instead of a merely handy one?

Usually get into detail. Ask the painter to spell out the steps to be taken. These probably will include sanding off old paint and applying several layers of skim coating or sanding the walls.

## Scientiously classy

For moldings, "They take a room ordinary to something special. I am talking about crown moldings and base moldings. The more crown and detail in the molding, the richer the room looks," says Stahl.

"Moldings can add 30 percent or more to your millwork budget, but if you put \$10,000 for molding into a job, sometimes you get out more than you've spent in the resale price."

Other touches that say quality to Stahl include solid hardwood doors as opposed to hollow-core doors, hardwood floors (planking rather than parquet), and top-quality lighting fixtures. "With lighting fixtures and most metal applications, the muted tones of antique brass, pewter and brushed nickel say class to our eyes today, as opposed to shiny chrome or highly polished brass," Stahl says.

In kitchens and bathrooms, where tile is used, pay special attention to the quality of the installation, and remember that a tiled floor, counter or backsplash can make inexpensive cabinets look great.

Another trick is to upgrade a stock cabinet with high-quality hardware. With kitchen cabinets, Stahl also advises his clients to go with muted finishes. When it comes to the countertop, most people associate stone, rather than synthetic, countertops with quality.

## Penny-pinching pointers

Where the budget is tight, you'll get the biggest bang for your buck in better hardware and moldings, the contractor says. "You may be able to find prefabricated moldings that are less expensive than custom millwork. They are available, and they are great options."

Clutter is the enemy of a quality room, says Charles Gandy, who advises homeowners modifying a room to add cabinetry that makes it possible to have a place for everything and everything in its place.

"By eliminating the clutter, whatever you do in redecorating is going to look so much better," says Gandy,

who is head of Gandy-Peace, an interior design firm in Atlanta.

Gandy is also former national president of the American Society of Interior Designers.

It's often the small things that make a difference in the impact of the renovation job. "When you are renovating, you have an opportunity to make minor architectural changes such as moving a door or window that affect traffic within the house," the designer says.

Gandy advises looking at existing furnishings before buying anything new. Replace items that don't work in a new scheme, but also try rearranging your furniture. By moving a sofa into the middle of a room, you may end up using it instead of having to replace it.

## Bring good things to light

One project many people don't consider, but should, is redesigning their lighting system. "Most people don't realize how much light shapes a space," the decorator says.

Since some of the best lighting has only become available in the past decade or so, very few homes are properly lit, Gandy says.

He singles out low-voltage systems and the many new choices in bulbs as especially useful.

"Simply by changing the bulb, it is possible to vary beam spread from a 6-inch circle to 6 feet in diameter, all from the same fixture. In many cases, you can make a huge difference in the look of a room and its comfort and utility simply by putting in new ceiling lighting," says Gandy. And good lighting enhances whatever other changes have been made.

The cost of a new lighting system could be 20 to 25 percent more than what you've already spent, but it is a one-time investment.

Over the life of a home, it could

pay for itself in attractiveness, convenience and possibly resale value. Look for the lighting expertise of an interior designer, lighting designer or expert from one of the better electrical supply houses, the designer advises.

## Slow and steady wins out

To architect David Austin, a partner in Austin Patterson Disston in Southport, Conn., the best assurance of a quality addition or renovation is sensitivity to what is already there.

Austin's first tip is to be not in too much of a hurry. "Lots of times, people buy a house and start to make changes before they have lived in it long enough to understand what should be done. Live in the house for at least a year before making major changes, and let the house speak to you."

Think in terms of renovating in the same basic style. "The most successful renovations usually make the house more of what it already is rather than introducing another style," he says. Still, this isn't a hard-and-fast rule.

"You can also be successful by contrast. Especially with an antique building, to try to copy in a cheaper way what is already there is normally not a good thing to do. You may be better off making an addition that is clearly of its own time. There are lots of successful modernist additions to old houses."

Finally, have the courage to try to make a change for the better, the architect advises. "Some people don't even try to renovate because they fear it will cost too much. But a small change can make a big difference," he says, "so it's worthwhile to get some professional advice. The best renovation jobs we have done are those in which we have solved a lot of the problems physically in one spot rather than by doing lots of projects throughout the house."

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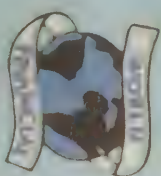
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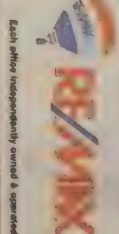
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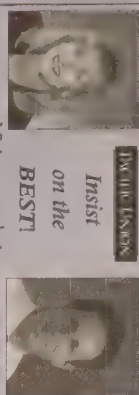
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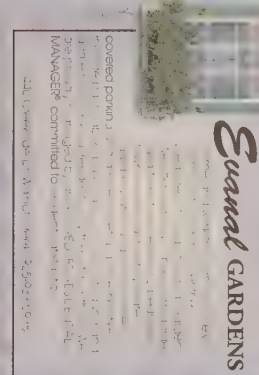
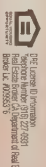
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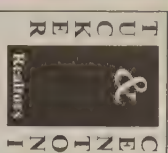
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# In many California communities, 'smart growth' has become a major movement

By Bill Lambert,  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Berkeley Business Briefs is a collaborative effort by the Berkeley Voice and the City of Berkeley's Office of Economic Development. This will be the last article published under the "Berkeley Business Briefs" format as the City's Office of Economic Development switches to other forms of communicating with the public. For additional information regarding pending economic development projects in Berkeley, visit the City's web site at [ci.berkeley.ca.us/targetprojects](http://ci.berkeley.ca.us/targetprojects).

In many genres, there are trends, fashion swings, policy shifts and emerging ideas. Since this column is about economic development, it is worthy to note recent and new horizons in the field. Policy leaders in the mid-90s touted industry cluster studies based upon local comparative advantages. Welfare-to-work and the integration of employment practitioners with economic developers came next, and remains a critical and unfinished task. But 1999 brought the advent of a new mantra in the industry — smart growth.

Born out of rising concern with gridlock congestion, environmental degradation, the specter of a millennium passage, technological capacities, a longing for deeper community ties, the rising implicit costs of suburban living, and a willing to collaborate, this new movement is bringing together three disciplines to forge an emerging strategy that links economic development, environmental sustainability and social justice.

These "Big 3" are no strangers to one another, but have more often than not been on opposite sides of the table. In general, the usual squabbles and struggles are intact, but if the topic is about the leading edge of policy, Smart Growth is our path.

California is growing — fact — and quickly — fact. We will top 37.6 million in about five years, more than a 10 percent near-term growth rate. Alameda County, with one of the strongest and most diverse economies in the state, and therefore the nation, will continue to grow under the strain for job and housing demand. Fact. This is not a choice. It is occurring today, and it is inevitable. How do we respond as a state, as a burgeoning region, and as the City of Berkeley?

Witness the recent uprising in eastern Alameda County where three local initiatives were on the ballot to halt residential growth-in-my-backyard. The Alameda County Economic Development Alliance for Business commissioned a study to attempt to learn what the impacts of the passage of these measures would imply.

The results indicated that limiting larger in-fill development would push sprawl further out, commute patterns would exacerbate, and communities would lose jobs.

To many close observers' great surprise, all three measures failed. The voters have spoken: "We don't like what's coming, but we don't like the alternative, either!" We, as a people, have a disastrous conundrum on our hands.

In the fall of 1998 the Local Government Commission (LGC) published a booklet entitled "The Ahwahnee Principles for Smart Economic Development — An Implementation Guidebook." More recently, the Oakland-based California Futures Network published its "Smart Growth Goals, Principles and 1999 State Policy Priorities." Both outline major principles and targeted economic development, environmental and social justice policies, the latter in an attempt to guide the current state legislature in their policy formation.

Maybe people are listening. Newly appointed state treasurer, Phil

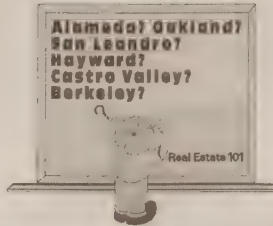
Angelides, has written extensively on Smart Growth and his vision to incorporate such a platform into the treasurer's office. Treasury is responsible for tax-exempt financing for housing and manufacturing in California, and a new state Infra-

structure Bank to help rebuild deteriorated public systems throughout the state. The criteria for funding under Angelides would incorporate economic, environmental and social equity components into its application-ranking scheme.

Now the California Association for Local Economic Development (CALED), based in Sacramento, the state's leading economic development umbrella organization.

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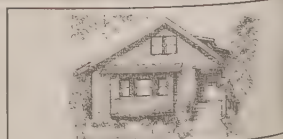
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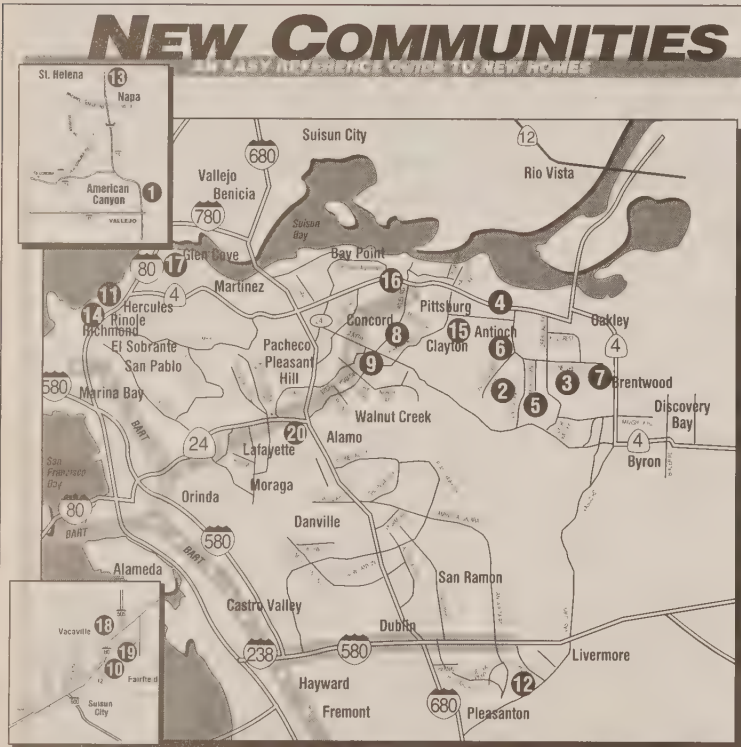


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# House doesn't always go to the highest bidder

By now we're all used to houses selling for more than asking prices, but a new twist has puzzled me. I recently bid much more than asked. My offer had no contingencies, a 30-day close, and I had a preapproval letter from my mortgage broker. I did not win the house. The house closed 1 week after the offer was accepted. My offer was 2.5 percent higher than the offer accepted. The accepted offer included a 21-day

contingency. I understand the value of time and if someone offered to close in 21 days, it could be considered more valuable, but you'd have to use an annual interest rate of more than 30 percent with a one-day close to make it as valuable as a shorter close is. I don't know about you, but I don't want to supply about who wins a bid?

There is one rule: The seller chooses the buyer. The price doesn't determine the winner, but it often does. Home buying isn't always an auction, where the highest bid wins. Most take bids seriously, but for some reason the seller preferred the other buyer.

Jeffrey P. Widman, attorney

**Owner, two directors**  
In my condo complex, a married couple submitted their names to be directors on the board, but only one spouse has a name on the property deed. Do both qualify for board membership? I thought the law required one person on the board must be a homeowner. Also, may homeowners vote to change this law?

Are both owners trying to be members of the board at the same time? Unless they own homes in the same homeowners' association, only one of the owners can be on the board. Your governing documents will dictate whether a board member must be a homeowner or a resident.

Some associations do not use the term "owner." In stock co-ops, the "shareholder." Others require the board member not only be an owner but also a resident living in the complex. The governing documents will also specify how the board can change any provisions in the CC&Rs (covenants, conditions and restrictions) and/or bylaws. Governing documents will also define "owner."

In most cases, the owner is the individual listed on the deed. If this is not the case, then the spouse, unless noted to the deed, is not an owner, and not on the governing documents. If you're getting volunteers to be on the board can be difficult, I would suggest allowing a spouse, whether on the deed or not, to be a candidate for the board. But not to allow both members of the family to be candidates at the same time, or to serve on the board at the same time.

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**Q:** My sister is legally blind. She rented a house in San Leandro. Before she moved in, the landlord videotaped the inside and requested a \$1,000 deposit. She has moved to a smaller house and now the landlord, who videotaped the inside of the house again after she moved out, is asking for an additional \$1,500 for damage. My mother handles my sister's affairs and says that the landlord is ding her for every little thing, including wear and tear. What can my sister do?

**A:** According to California law, landlords cannot charge a tenant for normal wear and tear. Unfortunately, it would require a court to interpret "wear and tear." After you vacate, have the drapes and carpets professionally cleaned. Clean all appliances thoroughly. Be sure to clean under the stove burners and the oven. Fill in nail holes. If they still show, ask the manager for the paint and touch the paint.

Your goal is to make the apartment "rent-ready" according to the standards of the manager. Soon after, make an appointment to have the manager inspect the apartment and provide a list of any additional requirements. Review your move-in checklist. It should show any preexisting defects for which you should not be charged. If you've lived there

for less than two years, you may be responsible for any marks or problems not there when you moved in.

— Sam J. Gilstrap, enrolled agent, real estate consultant

### Lease extension

**Q:** We have a lease extension agreement signed by both the landlord and tenant. It extends the original contract for two years at a new rental amount for each year. The agreement has an option-to-buy statement. What are the legal implications of the option statement? Must both the landlord and tenant agree with the option? Is the landlord obligated to follow through even if he is not interested in the option?

If the landlord is interested in selling and the tenant is interested in buying, but they don't agree on a price, should the tenant vacate at expiration of the contract? The tenant would rather rent for two more years. Can the landlord force the tenant to move? Does the option statement give me an agreement for four more years?

**A:** An option is enforceable by the person receiving the option. The party giving the option, the landlord in this case, must perform once the other party, the tenant, exercises the option. However, without reading the option, I can't tell you much more. I do not understand your question about a four-year contract. You described only two successive one-year options to renew. What the tenant should do is a question of personal preference. Talk to a real-estate attorney about the enforceability of the option.

— Jeffrey P. Widman, attorney

### Parking

**Q:** I live in a small complex of 20 units where all the units' bedroom windows face the driveway. Each unit is assigned a covered parking place, directly across from the unit. One tenant parks in front of his unit, which prevents oth-

ers from backing out of the assigned spaces. Another tenant has moved in. He is a commercial tow-truck driver, backing in and out 24 hours a day, with that crazy backup warning signal. This wakes up the entire complex. The resident manager refuses to do anything about the situation. My attempts at a resolution failed. What are our rights? Should a letter to the owner be our next step?

**A:** Yes. Notify the owner. You are entitled to use your assigned parking area without unreasonable interference. You might suggest to the owner first that he should adopt some written parking rules, and second, that some parking spaces be reassigned.

— Jeffrey P. Widman, attorney

### Rental house sale

**Q:** My landlord is thinking of selling the building where my daughter and I have lived for the last nine years. What's the longest lease I might be able to legally extract from the current landlord? If at any time during that lease's lifetime the building is sold, is the lease still valid? Does any new owner have any right to boot us out? Is it common practice, in your experience, that new owners will immediately impose market-rate rent on long-term tenants paying lower-than-market rates? Do I have any hope at all of mediation?

**A:** If you have a term lease, say for a year or two, the lease determines your rent. It may be fixed, or it may increase at specified intervals, depending upon what it says. A new owner will be bound by any existing lease made. A new owner can't unilaterally boot you out or raise the rent. Will the current owner give you a long-term lease at a rate far below market? Not likely. It is even less likely if he is about to put the property on the market for the highest possible price. You are enjoying an economic gift now. Unfortunately, that will eventually come

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## Growth

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What is acceptable, tolerable, a... or empty slogans? How... we learn from it and apply it... With Berkeley in the throes... current debate over its general... may be helpful to elucidate... others are thinking, Berkeley... want to borrow components of... thinking of many others who... spent a great deal of time think... about such growth, lifestyle and... d.lemmas

Only in draft form now, following... summary of CALED's draft... "Growth" musings. It is not... policy of the organization yet... another a compilation of most... and best ideas put forth... about the state in the economic de... ment field.

## Growth samplings

Economic prosperity: Promote... business- and jobs-friendly envi... to enhance prosperity and... smart growth. Expand the... of economic devel... which include regional... of the regional economy... increased focus on business... and retention rather than... attraction. Create collabor... competitive advantages... partnerships (workforce de... capital improvement, ... planning) between govern... business, education and com... Economic development ef... should be targeted to reducing... Identify local industry clus...

ters, niches, gaps, and distinct iden... tities. Build on local strengths.

II. Infrastructure: human, fiscal and physical: Champion new mod... of development, infrastructure fi... nance and work structures. These... include mixed-use development, ecological building design, denser industrial development products and pedestrian oriented land uses. Re-structure revenue sharing amongst cities at the state level to halt the "fiscalization of land use" and cities' quest for sales tax revenue over sound, livable planning. Focus on strategic long term investments which limit the negative impacts on your region. It is okay to say no to some development and jobs. Invest in local technology systems that provide open access to information and support local enterprises to succeed. Communities should invest in schools and educational institutions for life long learning and training.

III. Land use: Whenever possible, zone for a mixed economy, including manufacturing, business services, mixed income housing, neighborhood-serving retail, and institutional. Up-zone for residential, convenience-retail and business service uses around public transportation hubs and town centers. Promote walking, bicycling and transit access. Remove disincentives and increase incentives to develop urban in-fill locations for key industry clusters. Provide local recreational, artistic, cultural and entertainment venues and uses. Promote open space, habitat and farmland preservation as an economic development tool.

IV. Business operations/workforce: Meet the workforce needs of local companies with the local labor force. Provide localized job training by link...

ing industry, education and job training/placement agencies. Promote/en... courage alternative transportation methods and their usage by employees and residents. Pursue economic development strategies and projects that maintain or improve the environment. Promote/encourage energy and operational audits for businesses and building owners; implement efficiency/conservation investments. Promote/encourage recycling of consumer, commercial and building materials as well as the use of recycled materials in the production and consumption of goods. Promote/encourage telecommuting, flex hours, advanced transportation technology, facility sharing, and support

services such as childcare. Businesses should provide workers with good pay, benefits, training and opportunities for upward mobility and a healthy work environment.

These policies are a work-in-progress and are presented to stimulate refreshed dialogue. Consider them. Consider the alternatives to smart growth. How will Berkeley respond?

For more information on smart growth contact The Local Government Commission, Sacramento, CA 916-448-1198 www.lgc.org; California Futures Network, Oakland, CA 510-238-9762 www.calfutures.org; and California Association for Local Economic Development, Sacramento,

## Stone flooring care is easy

By Jo Werne

KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

Nothing is truly maintenance-free, but stone flooring comes close, say sellers and satisfied homeowners who have used the material in a variety of ways in their homes.

Stone installed indoors must be sealed with a penetrating water-based sealer to protect it from soil and wear.

Sealed stone needs only regular vacuuming to pick up pet hair or damp mopping to remove soil.

Outdoors, however, even sealed stone can mildew in areas with high humidity and frequent rain.

"There are mold inhibitors in sealers that cut down the chance of mildew," said Lorenzo Abbate, owner of Craftsman Masonry in Pompano Beach, Fla.

"If your stone patio does mildew, just spray it with bleach and water, then rinse. Some stone can be pres-

sure-cleaned. If a stone patio gets really soiled, it can be sanded. The sanding won't affect the sealer because it goes into the stone like a sponge."

However, not everyone objects to mildewed stone outdoors.

"Stone will mildew, but that's what looks great about it," said Rosa Sugrues, owner of Iberia Tile.

"I wouldn't clean stone outside. It's natural. Let it be."

Jim Santi of Keystone Products in Florida City likes the natural look of stone so much that he recommends not sealing outdoor applications.

"If you install stone around a pool or in a shady area, you will get some green or black fungus," he said.

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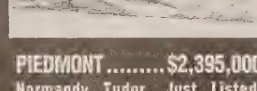
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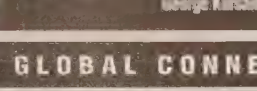
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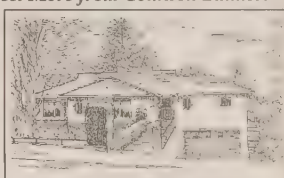
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## Realtors ponder the value of gardens and gardening

It's National Gardening Month. I know this because it says so on the calendar Goldsmith Seeds sent to me. As member of a garden writers association, I am on some good mailing lists. Companies who would like me to write about their products send me things all the time.

Who chose the week to celebrate gardening? Was the idea to sell garden products or to encourage more people to grow plants? I wonder if it works. Will more people plant a plant during this week? Will more fertilizer be sold and spread?

I've read that gardening has now become America's favorite pastime. The statistics show that more than half of the population is now gardening. Could this be true? I look for gardens everywhere I go, talk to people all of the time, and I don't find many gardeners.

Most people who come to my house don't even go into my garden. This is fine. I don't have any need to get people interested in gardening. But if they are interested, and sometimes I do meet someone who is, it's wonderful.

It doesn't seem to matter what they are growing. It could be a pot of herbs on a window sill. Or lettuce, tomatoes, or roses. If they're involved in growing anything, we have something fun to share and talk about.

I think more people would be gardeners if only they knew how. But gardening is complicated. There are so many things to consider, so many ways to go wrong. "Pat, you know about flowers," a friend sometimes says. "Why don't you tell me what to grow here?"

I never know what to say; it's hard to find a starting point. Have they ever grown anything? What kinds of plants would they like? Do they realize that there are things they will have to do? Select and place and care for plants?

After years and years of gardening, I am in awe of how complex the



By Tarpo and Talbert

whole process is. Soil and food, water and sun, bugs and snails. But sometimes it just works. It's simple; it works. Something that you planted or was already there when you arrived is happy and grows without anything much from you.

There are almost always plants that my friends who want a garden already have but don't count. Maybe there are beautiful nasturtiums outside their door with clear green, round leaves, crisp orange, scarlet and golden yellow flowers, too.

A cause for celebration: Exquisite beauty without care. Sometimes I say that to my friends: "Look at these beautiful nasturtiums. Don't you love them?" But that isn't what they want. They want a "garden." I think this means that they want to grow plants that are harder to grow, an accomplishment.

There is a lot of help out there for those wishing to achieve gardening accomplishment. Several times a week I find in my mailbox plant and seed catalogs, elaborate press kits from the Lawn Turf Institute, photos, even slides, of insects along with photos of the products that will kill them. This week I received information on fossilized seabird guano, perfect food the sellers say, for my plants.

There are many gardening magazines and books full of breathtaking, double-page, full-color pho-

tographs of heartbreakingly beautiful flower borders. Many scouts must be employed by the publishers to locate enough gardens to fill their needs. I do love looking at these gardens, and maybe you do too, but I wonder if they are a help?

Don't most of us find these examples daunting? It's confusing enough to walk through the aisles of a nursery and wonder all of the things that one wonders before taking on a plant for one's own. "What a gorgeous flower," I may think pausing by a grouping of gallon-size containers. "I wonder what it is? Oh, here's the name and I've never heard of it. These plants cost \$8.98 each. How many would I need? How tall do they get? Do they bloom all the time or will they stop soon?"

I've been gardening for a long time and have grown quite a few plants while reading about many more. My time in my garden watering, rearranging, pruning, and feeding has resulted in both successes and failures. All of this runs through my mind when I am asked what a friend should plant. I would like to give a good answer but, not having one, I usually say, "Why don't you come to my garden and I'll show you what I'm growing."

The friend may not come; he might just go to the nursery and pick out some plants and take them home and put them in the ground. I think this is as good a place to start as any. The plants will either grow or they won't. If my friend's interest continues, he'll go back to the nursery, and he'll read and plant, and try different ones—perhaps for a lifetime.

And maybe he'll come to the same conclusion I have: I grow plants that like it at my place. I've tried the hard ones. Now I grow easy. In my garden are repeated patches that love growing here.

Nasturtiums, for instance, are a mainstay for me. They reseed in and along a broken concrete wall that stretches the width of my garden. Once a year, when they look ratty, I pull them all out and enjoy the bare wall for a month or so before, without any assistance from me, new seedlings appear.

I've allowed many patches of a creeping polygon ("pink popcorn" my friend Gretchen aptly calls it) which I frequently cut back and pull out because I don't want it to cover the entire earth.

I am fond of an oxalis that arrived in my garden before me and which I have moved around here and there. Oxalis? Isn't it a weed? Not to me it isn't. The cerise pink mounds in bloom most of the year tie together the whole of my garden view in a most delightful way.

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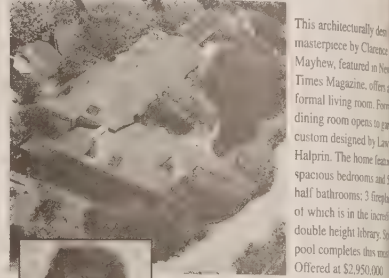
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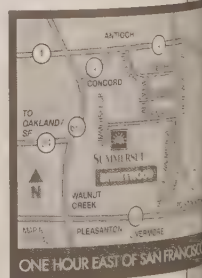
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# Do your homework before you contact an architect or designer

**By Nick Harder**  
THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

If you want to remodel, landscape, or build a custom home you need to do your homework, even if you're working with an award-winning architect.

It's not enough to let the architect do all the work. You may not be happy with the plan, even though it seemed as if you were getting what you wanted.

So, here's a primer on hiring and working with an architect for your remodel, custom home or landscape.

If possible, find a custom, remodeled home or residential landscape you like and ask for the name of the architect.

Other sources for architects in your area include the Yellow Pages (under "Architects" for residential and commercial, and under "Landscaping"). You'll also find home architects through the local chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

For landscape architects, call the local chapter of your state landscape contractors association, or look in the Yellow Pages under "Landscape Architects."

If you have a particular style in mind, look for examples — photos and drawings — in the resumes of the architects you're considering.

Of course, even if you don't find an example of your style, it doesn't mean the architect can't work with you to design the house or yard you envision.

Don't be shy about clipping examples of designs you like from shelter magazines. An architect likes a certain amount of freedom, but also tries to please the client.

Not all designs fit the surrounding neighborhood or environment. Be flexible.

Be as specific as possible in the contract with an architect. It will cut down on arguments.

Some architects simply design plans and leave it up to the client to hire a contractor or act as the contractor. Others not only design but monitor construction. Still others can recommend a contractor or subcontractors.

Visit new-home models and existing-home open houses of the styles you like. If you tell an architect that you want something exactly like something you've seen, you may get it, but the architect probably won't be very enthusiastic. Architects enjoy creating their own work.

In some cases — particularly with custom homes and some landscaping — it may be possible to purchase plans already drawn for someone else. This can save you a lot of money if the architect can sell these plans. Such plans can also be slightly altered — at a charge, of course.

Still, some architects may have contract constraints placed on them by their client. This is particularly true with custom homes.

Just because you like a particular design, it doesn't make it appropriate for the property. The type of soil, elevations, climate and many other factors make some designs possible, some not.

# Installing a stone floor?

**By Jo Werne**  
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

Think you can install a natural stone floor? Brave soul! Mike Gemmell, a tile and stone installer for 16 years who now sells the materials at Home Depot, suggests: start with a level floor. A thin layer of cement can be used to fill in the valleys.

You need to know what kind of stone — natural, manmade or a composite like keystone — because there are different installation methods for each. Get instructions from your stone or tile distributor.

Both ceramic tile and stone are set with a mixture of cement and sand. But there are differences: Tile is installed with thin set — a thin mixture. Stone is installed with mud set — a thicker mixture that allows the installer to make a level surface for the irregular stone. Stone should be sealed before installation and/or before grouting, to protect the surface from dirt.

A notched trowel, which leaves grooves in the adhesive, is needed to spread the mixture evenly. Some installers "butter" the adhesive on the back of the tile or stone; others spread the mixture on the surface. Apply grouting to stone as one would do with ceramic tile.

"You need to take more care in handling stone, because it's a natural product and breaks easier than ceramic tile," Gemmell said.

Gemmell's last advice: "After you mess it up, call a professional."

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## Cougars one-hit Gauchos at Stargell Classic

Albany picks it up for second half of season, wins consolation championship

By Scott Strain

CORRESPONDENT

ALAMEDA — Albany may be the most improved team in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League.

The Cougars (7-9) have the reputation of being a good-hit, good-field, poor-pitching team, but have received two sterling pitching performances that give head coach Josh Freeman a lot of optimism as the league season winds down.

First, Jeremiah Pingueto pitched a four-hit 2-1 victory over Alameda on Monday in a consolation bracket game at the Willie Stargell Easter Classic held at the College of Alameda.

Then on Wednesday, Tim Onweller one-hit El Cerrito as the Cougars won 5-3 to win the consolation championship of the tournament. It was the third victory in four games for the suddenly streaking Cougars.

"This tournament really helped us come back together and prove to our-

selves that we are as good a team as we thought we were in the beginning of the season when we beat Campolindo," Freeman said. "I mixed up the lineup a little bit and gave some non-starters a chance to play and they played well."

"I think it does something for the team chemistry when everybody gets a shot."

The Cougars have defeated Alameda twice in less than a week and knocked off El Cerrito, which it had lost to 11-6 early in the ACCAL season.

Onweller, who also defeated Alameda last Friday, allowed just a single to Jaramonte Cox in the fourth inning. The Cougars' defense unraveled in the seventh as two errors led to three Gaucha runs.

Other than that, Onweller was in command.

"What can you say about him?" Freeman said. "He's a gamer. With him on

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KATHY BAKER

EL CERRITO SECOND BASEMAN KEN HIROSE tags out Dublin High's Matt White for the first out of a double play in the Willie Stargell Easter Classic in Alameda. The Gauchos lost to Albany in the consolation finals.

## Silencers a staple of Berkeley softball

A combined 110-year-old battery still running strong for city league champions

By Mike McGreehan

STAFF WRITER

Back in the '70s, a group of guys got together on the campus of what was then the California School for the Deaf. Their aim was to play a little pickup softball and have a little fun.

It didn't take long, though, for that fun and games to evolve into something much more serious.

From those pickup games, those impromptu dalliances with the sport of

slowpitch softball, were born the Silencers, a team that has become a staple of the Berkeley City Softball League.

"It's been so near and dear to me that it's been a very big part of my life," said founding member Charles Schwartz, the Silencers catcher and manager. "I can't tell you how many friends I've made playing softball."

Berkeley softball plays three seasons

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## El Cerrito baseball trying to make it all add up

By Scott Strain

CORRESPONDENT

ALAMEDA — One El Cerrito High baseball coach described his team as "nickel-and-dime" squad that can't win unless "we can at least get the pennies to first base." In this case, head coach Dennis Abel is still waiting for the Gauchos to show him the money.

El Cerrito, not a strong offensive team to begin with, saw its hitting stop almost dead in the last two games of the Willie Stargell Easter Classic held over the last four days at the College of Alameda.

El Cerrito (11-6-1) opened with a 6-2 loss to Dublin on Saturday, then defeated

Pittsburg 5-1 in the consolation bracket on Monday. The Gauchos ended their tournament by being one-hit by Albany's Tim Onweller in a 5-3 loss on Wednesday.

Even though El Cerrito won the game against the Pirates, its hitting problems started in the third inning when Chris Faer came into relieve Brian Birdsell, who had given up five runs on three hits. From the third inning on, the Gauchos managed just two hits in the next 11 innings. The three runs they scored against Albany in the seventh when, already down 5-0, they took advantage of walks and throwing errors to score. El Cerrito

didn't have a hit in the inning.

"They swung the bats better than we did and give (Tim Onweller) credit, he pitched a heckuva game," Abel said. "We had a chance to win the Dublin game when it was close, but we're not getting the clutch hits. We going to shake up some spots in the lineup. We given some guys a lot of chances and we been very patient in giving them some time to come out of it. They just haven't done it."

The bottom third of the lineup, populated by various players, went a collective 4-for-25 in the three games with nine

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SHONIE AKI has done it all in table tennis, including induction into the Hall of Fame, president of the USTTA and a stint with the Globetrotters.

## Aki is Berkeley's guru of table tennis

By Mike McGreehan

STAFF WRITER

For Berkeley resident Shonie Aki, table tennis isn't so much a sport as a well-established lifestyle. It's a lifestyle that has taken him many places and won him many friends. It's also a lifestyle he doesn't plan to give up anytime soon.

Aki, who took up table tennis as a freshman at UCLA in fall 1955, has served the sport as a player, coach and administrator throughout his long career. One could easily describe him as a walking advertisement for table tennis.

"Table tennis has consumed most of my life," says Aki, who turned 63 in January. "I never stop."

Aki's resume speaks for itself.

During these past 45 years, Aki has ranked among the top 40 players in the country six times, served as president of the California Table Tennis Association and founded table tennis clubs. He also served on the board of the USA Table Tennis Association for 15 years. In addition, he toured professionally with the Harlem Globetrotters and was a double in a movie.

Oh, an Aki is also a member of the USA Table Tennis Hall of Fame.

For Aki, it's been a heck of a ride.

"I've been doing this continuously since 1955; I've been constantly involved in table tennis," he said. "When I was

younger, I competed more. Now I'm more into administration and directing tournaments."

But that doesn't mean Aki no longer competes. Quite the contrary. He still plays. And he plays well.

Last October, Aki won two gold medals and one silver medal at the Huntsman World Senior Games in St. George, Utah. This year, he plans to play in a national senior tournament the first week of June in Laguna Hills. If that's not enough, there's the California Senior Games, which take place in several locations around the state.

Aki's participation won't end there. The Huntsman Games roll around again in October. He might also compete in the senior division of the U.S. National Championships in Las Vegas this December. Getting a match in, though, might be a tall order as Aki also will serve as the tournament director for that event.

Though Aki remains an accomplished player — and has the hardware to prove it — his commitment to table tennis extends to other aspects of the sport.

Aki is every bit as, if not more, enthusiastic about a tournament in which he most likely won't compete — the U.S. Open International Championships in Fort Lauderdale in early July. Aki is the tournament director for that event, too.

"There's going to be about 1,000 par-

"Table tennis has consumed most of my life. I never stop."

—Shonie Aki

ticipants, including people from outside the U.S.," says Aki. "It's an open tournament for the U.S. athletes, but part of the professional tour for the foreign players. Some of them are world-class players, and some of them make a decent living. Table tennis has a greater stature in some other countries than it does here."

Though table tennis lags far behind many other sports in this country, it does have a following. Younger players can look up to Aki, who was inducted into the USA Table Tennis Hall of Fame in 1997. Aki's Hall of Fame bio speaks volumes of his all-around commitment to table tennis.

Aki was the army table tennis champion in 1959 when the service sent him to Dortmund, Germany, to compete in the world championships.

From the early to mid-1960s, Aki regularly finished first or second in tourna-

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## Softball

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— spring, summer, and fall. The Silencers are hoping for a three-peat this spring. Last summer, the team won the men's C division championship. After getting bumped up to the B division in the fall, the Silencers took that title, too.

The back-to-back championships marked a return to respectability for the Silencers, an aging team that seemed to have lost its edge in the league.

"We were getting older and we were losing," Schwartz recalled. "We went on terrible losing streaks. We weren't competitive."

The Silencers needed to find some new talent. Then, one player's misfortune became the stroke of magic the team needed. When the Silencers longtime shortstop hurt his arm, he had no choice but to move to first base. As fortune would have it, a younger player, Tony Santangelo, stepped right into the shortstop position and gave the team a boost.

With the help of Santangelo and another young newcomer, the team caught fire. After taking third place in the regular season last summer, the team advanced to the playoffs and won the championship.

Last fall, the Silencers' battery of Schwartz and pitcher Alan Flatt had a combined age of 110 years (each man was 55). But with the two younger players complementing the veterans, the games were no longer as much of a struggle.

"There's a lot of camaraderie with the guys," says Flatt. "We're competitive, too. But the competition lessened as we've gotten older."

Schwartz and Marty Lynch are the two original members still with

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the team. Others came later.

Though most of the team is over 50, the Silencers are not just a bunch of older guys with little athletic talent making one last grab for glory. These guys have a serious devotion to softball and sports in general.

Take Flatt, for instance. At the Senior Games in San Francisco two years ago, Flatt won three gold medals and one silver. And none of the events he entered had anything to do with softball.

Flatt, it seems, is also an accomplished swimmer, having won gold medals in the 50-meter backstroke and 50 freestyle. Flatt won his third gold medal in basketball free-throw shooting competition. His silver medal came in table tennis.

Flatt played Little League Baseball before graduating to intramural softball in college. He stayed with the sport through the years with varying success. But he and his team-

mates seemed to find their groove last summer and fall. Now the challenge is to get back in the groove for the new spring season.

Through Monday, the Silencers' record stood at one tie and one loss. But the team was not at full strength as Easter approached.

"A lot of people are out of town, so we didn't have a full complement of players," said Flatt. "That could be a reason for our slow start."

Maybe the Silencers are off to a bit unfortunate start. But the team also knows that fortunes can turn in a hurry, as when they smiled at the Silencers last summer and fall.

"Somehow, we made it to the final in fall league and, miracle of miracles, we won," said Schwartz. "When I got home that night, I went through every out of every inning with anybody I could grab. We had some serendipitous things that happened."

For now, Schwartz will be among those who continue to play. Eventually, he concedes, he will probably become less player and more manager.

"You remember Pete Rose at the end of his career when he was the player-manager with the Reds? Eventually, he just became the manager," said Schwartz. "At some point, that is what I envision is going to happen with me."

No matter how long they continue to play, or remain in softball in some capacity, the members of the Silencers seem to have a secure place within the Berkeley softball community.

"It's a neat little subculture here in Berkeley," Schwartz says of the softball league.

The Silencers have surely left their mark on that subculture.

## Baseball

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strikeouts. "We're going into that part of the schedule near the end where we play some teams that we should be able to swing the bats against," Abel said.

"Our offense is built on speed and if we can't get over there (pointing to first base), you shut our offense down. We help shut it down ourselves with our pitch selection, swinging at bad pitches, not hitting the ball hard. All teams go through this. Even Encinal can go through it, but they are talented enough to get through a slump. We aren't."

The Gauchos got decent pitching in the tournament and had really only one breakdown. That came in the Dublin game when the Gaels scored three runs in the bottom of the sixth to blow open a 3-2 game.

The Gauchos managed to use their speed to score two runs, one coming when Jimmy McDermott scored on a passed ball in the first and the other on a single by Dominic Mejia, which scored Mark Connor who had reached first on a passed ball third strike and then gone to second on a wild pitch. That sequence came in the fourth.

The Gauchos' only offensive onslaught came in the first two innings against undermanned Pittsburg, which was forced to use four JV players.

In the first with one out, Ken Hirose had an infield single and went to second when David Rose was hit by a pitch. Birdsell walked Joe McBride to load the bases and, after getting another out, then walked Jaramonte Cox to force in Hirose and then Connor to score Rose.

"We going to shake up some spots in the lineup. We given some guys a lot of chances and we been very patient in giving them some time to come out of it. They just haven't done it."

—EC coach Dennis Abel

In the second, El Cerrito put two hits together in the same inning for the only time in the tournament Kelly Jay walked but was forced at second by McDermott, who then stole second. Hirose was safe on an error and then both runners pulled a double steal. McDermott scored when Pitt catcher Roger Chamblee threw the ball away and Hirose scored on a wild pitch for 4-0.

Rose grounded a single to center and stole second and third. After Birdsell got Joe McBride to pop up, Ardy Daravan lined a single to center to score Rose. Little did the Gauchos know it, but they were through scoring for the tournament.

Facer came into pitch for Pitt, and gave up just a bunt single to Mejia in the sixth.

It got worse for El Cerrito against Albany in the consolation championship game. The Gauchos had defeated the Cougars 11-6 in the first

week of the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League season, but flailed away against Onweller, who struck out eight and only walked two batters. He hit one.

Onweller gave up his only hit in the fourth when Cox hit a one-out flare to right that dropped in among three fielders. Onweller carried a 5-0 shutout into the seventh, but had himself to blame for the three runs El Cerrito scored in the inning.

Onweller walked Kenny Salyer to open the inning and Camilo Ramirez went into pinch run. Connor was safe on an error when third baseman Tyson Griffin couldn't handle his grounder. Marcus Neely-Sanchez grounded back to Onweller, who double-clutched the throw to third and threw the ball past Griffin, allowing Ramirez to score and send Edwin Reyes, who had pinch-run for Connor, to third. Onweller threw a wild pitch that scored Reyes and sent Neely-Sanchez to third.

A passed ball allowed Neely-Sanchez to score, but Onweller righted himself and struck out Jay, Marques White and Hirose to end the madness. El Cerrito could only get so much help in scoring runs; they couldn't do it by themselves.

The Gauchos have four games left in the ACCAL and should beat St. Elizabeth, Richmond and Kennedy-Richmond. Their only tough game is against St. Mary's, which is currently tied for second in the league. "We should get the fourth or fifth spot in the playoffs," Abel said. "We could meet these guys (Albany) in the first round."

But if they don't get some hitting, they'll get the same result they received Wednesday morning: A loss.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

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#### Basketball camps

The Mills College Spring Coaches Clinic will take place April 28-29. This year's camp will feature St. Mary's College coach Kelly Graves, Santa Clara coach Caren Horstmeier and Menlo College coach Caitlin Collier. Also giving presentations will be Cal strength and conditioning coach Karri Barrett and University of Florida assistant Beth Dunkenberg. April 28 sessions run 7-10 p.m. April 29 sessions are 9 a.m.-noon, and 1:30-5 p.m. Cost is \$125, but those who sign up before April 20 will save 10 percent. Registration takes place 6-7 p.m. at Haas Gym on the Mills campus. For details, call 430-3284.

The Carol Alfano Basketball Camp for beginning and intermediate players is accepting signups for its summer sessions. The camp is designed for players 6-13 and emphasizes teaching rather than playing. All sessions run 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Thursday. The first camp runs June 19-22 and is for girls only. The next two camps, July 24-27 and July 31-Aug. 3, are coed. Cost is \$175 and enrollment is limited. For details, call 430-3284.

The Mills College athletic department will hold an open house from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, April 29. This function is open to all high school juniors. It gives them the opportunity to learn about the school's athletic teams, hear from the coaches, meet the current

players and tour the facilities. RSVP required. For more information, contact Carol Alfano, Mills College recruiting coordinator and assistant athletic director. Or sign up via e-mail at calfano@mills.edu.

#### Charity golf

The 18th annual Coors/Peoples Celebrity ProAm Golf Tournament

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## Cougars

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the mound, we have a real no. 1 pitcher. We play good defense for him and he hits well and he has a lot of confidence. The team plays well behind him."

Onweller likes what he sees from his team as well. "We gotten in a groove here," he said. "This is our fifth straight game in a row here. We've pulled it together. We've had the talent and now we are starting to win."

Albany got its first run in the first inning when Jon Ball hit a one-out single, stole second, went to third on a wild pitch and scored on David Collier's sacrifice fly.

The Cougars added two more runs in the third on some hard-hit balls. Onweller doubled to left and scored as Ball tripled to right. Ball scored on Collier's single to left.

Albany got its final two runs in the fifth inning when El Cerrito starter

Camilo Ramirez had some control problems. Bryan Gross had an infield single and went to second on a wild pitch. Yaw Yiadom walked, and both runners advanced on a passed ball. Gross scored and Yiadom went to third when Ramirez threw another wild pitch. Tyson Griffin, trying to bunt for a base hit, brought Yiadom home for the final run.

#### Swatting the Hornets

On Monday, Pinguelo allowed just five hits in defeating Alameda.

Hornets starter Alex Rosko was matching Pinguelo pitch for pitch, but got into terminal trouble in the top of the sixth with the score tied at 1-1. Ball led off with a single, and when Collier sent him to third with another hit, Cody Nelson relieved Rosko. Matt Ball went into run for Collier and was picked off before Nelson had even thrown a pitch.

Nelson struck out Chris Weakley for the second out and then David Avila-Silver hit a ground ball to shortstop Jeff Sherratt, whose high throw brought Pe-

ter Soskoff off the base. Ball to some extent damaged was knocked out of the game by a throw from him. Avila-Silver came back and knew with kids.

Albany played Ygraci tournament opener each morning and lost 13-7 after scoring seven runs in the fourth. Avila-Silver was the fourth runner in the run-down double in the Weakley and Avila-Silver runs with singles.

"That was a lot of fun," the tour. "I enjoyed it."

The Globetrotters tour only stay at entertainment. For Jose Ferrer in the 1950s, Katherine Anne Porter of Fools. Aki stood in for Ferrer's scenes.

"It was great seeing all the said Aki. "That was exciting, a movie set, something like that before."

Today, Aki "doubles" as a director for school districts and Emeryville.

"I make sure the kids get breakfast and lunch," he says. Aki maintains contact with those children as well as when he heads a table tennis tournament at UC Berkeley.

"That I enjoy most of all," says. Anything to get kids into table tennis. It's a great sport. Maybe a new generation of stars will emerge from this. At the very least, the young can hope some of Aki's talent off on them. For some, it's the discovery of a whole new world.

## Aki

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ments throughout California. He was California state champion three times and Arizona state champion three times.

Aki had other successes, too. He opened the Los Angeles Table Tennis Club in 1963 and, upon moving to Northern California, started the San Francisco Table Tennis Club in 1966.

Today, Aki serves as president of the Berkeley Table Tennis Club.

"I think we have about 80 to 90 members," he says.

Aki has indeed come a long way — especially for someone introduced to the sport almost by accident.

"It was just by coincidence," he said. "I was living in the (UCLA) dormitory and I heard this noise downstairs. I looked out the window and saw two people playing table tennis in the patio. Soon, I was hooked."

Less than one year later, Aki and a college friend who also got bitten by the table tennis bug won the Los Angeles County novice division doubles cham-

#### Championship.

"That was my first trophy," said Aki, who estimates that he now has between 400 and 500 trophies.

"I don't keep track," he says. Aki also placed second to his friend in novice singles.

Aki continued to improve throughout his college years and his time in the army. By the time he got out of the service, Aki was ready for more challenges. Among his trophies is one he received for winning the Pacific Coast Men's Championship.

#### Globetrotting

Sometimes, Aki's table tennis career took different, though interesting, twists and turns.

For one, he played professionally a short time in the '60s with the Harlem Globetrotters.

"They had three units," Aki said of the Globetrotters. "I was with the unit that went to some major cities, but also to some not-so-major cities."

Aki was part of a table tennis duo that complemented the Trotters' basketball antics. The other player on the tour was a former champion.

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# Arts

## Performance season serves international flavor

By Janice De Jesus  
STAFF WRITER

Cal Performances' 2000-2001 season promises a potpourri of distinguished international artists and performers in nine performing arts arenas, including the Kirov Orchestra and Mikhail Baryshnikov.

Opening the season on Sept. 14 will be the Kirov Orchestra, in a rare U.S. appearance, to be conducted by Valery Gergiev and accompanied by Alexander Toradze on piano in a program that will feature Prokofiev's "Concerto No. 1 in D-flat major," Tchaikovsky's "Symphony No. 5 in E minor" and Debussy's "La Mer."

The Mark Morris Dance Group returns, from Sept. 21-24, to open the dance season, with the American premiere of the English National Opera production of "Four Saints in Three Acts," in an operatic and dance double-bill that includes Morris' ballet "Dido Aeneas." Also in the dance lineup this season is the White Oak Dance Project, featuring Baryshnikov in the West Coast premiere of "PastForward," Nov. 1-4. It will combine digital media with the reconstruction of post-modern dance works. The Martha Graham Dance Company will perform a selection of the dance pioneer's signature works Oct. 13-14.

Three generations of family life are explored, from Feb. 2-3, in a unique video setting with "Allee der Kosmonauten," choreographed by Sasha Waltz of Berlin and her dancers. Zellerbach Hall will also showcase two programs by Jiri Kylian, founder and choreographer of Nederlands Dans Theater 1, fea-



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turing "Bella Figura," "No More Play" and "Petite Mort," as well as Paul Lightfoot's "Start to Finish," Feb. 20-21. Kylian's "Forgotten Land," "Sarabande," "Falling Angels" and "Wings of Wax" will be presented Feb. 23-24.

The Gate Theater of Dublin arrives in town Oct. 18-22 and will be

interpreting the work of Samuel Beckett. Making his first Bay Area appearance, from May 2-6, will be Robert Lepage, Canadian writer, actor and director, doing a solo performance of "The Far Side of the Moon," a work exploring the dreams and ideas of poets and scientists of centuries past as they imagined a

voyage to the moon.

This season's Recital series will present young artists such as British tenor Ian Bostridge on Oct. 29, German violinist Julia Fischer on Nov. 5 and baritone Nathan Gunn on March 4.

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## HOT SHEET!

■ Ballet Folklorico "Quetzali" will perform at 8 p.m. Friday, April 28, at the Calvin Simmons Theater, Henry J. Kaiser Convention Center, Oakland. Call 510-352-7026 or 510-465-9312.

■ The Oakland Asian Cultural Center presents Rhythm Tap Hall of Fame's International Tap Day on May 6 at the Pacific Renaissance Plaza, Oakland. Call 510-763-0601.

■ Berkeley High Jazz presents a benefit performance with a buffet brunch at 11 a.m. Sunday, April 30, at The Oaktree Grill, 350 Embarcadero, Oakland. Call 510-527-8245.

## EVENTS



CANADIAN WRITER, actor and director Robert Lepage makes his Bay Area performance debut with "The Far Side of the Moon," May 2001, at the Zellerbach Playhouse in Berkeley. Tickets \$30, \$46.

Community Music Day at Crowden School — Voracious violas, booming basses and ferocious cellos are just some of the wild instruments that will be available for petting and feeding at the upcoming first annual Community Music Day at the Crowden Center for Music in the Community.

The event is free and takes place 1-5 p.m., Sunday, May 7, at The Crowden School, located at 1475 Rose St., Berkeley.

Children and adults will have an opportunity to try out different musical instruments, as well as make their own.

Creative theater games conducted by faculty teachers, story-telling by master storyteller Joel ben Izzy, and other outstanding performances will be ongoing throughout the day.

Event includes appearances by world-renowned Crowden faculty and student musicians, the acclaimed Kairos Youth Choir, the Arethusa Woodwind Ensemble, and the Rose Street Players Youth Musical Theater. For information, call Eleanor Shapiro at 510-559-6910.

Marcus Bookstore — Queen Afua, May 4, 6:30 p.m. The author will discuss her book, "Sacred Woman: A Guide to Healing the Feminine Body, Mind and Spirit."

■ Yolanda Joe, May 6, 6:30 p.m. The author will discuss her book, titled "This Just In...," about women in the world of broadcast news. Free.

At 3900 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Oakland. Call 510-652-2344.

REI Berkeley — May 3-May 25. A series of lectures on hikes and outdoors equipment.

■ "MAS 2000 Climbing School," May 3 and May 6. Mountain Adventure Seminars offers an introductory rock-climbing school with instruction on equipment, fundamental climbing techniques, basic anchoring and safety procedures. Registration required. Wednesday, 6 p.m. at the store; Saturday, 8 a.m., outdoors. Tickets: \$110 general. Call 209-753-6556.

■ "Best Bay Area Day Hikes," May 4, 7 p.m. Author Ann Marie Brown gives a slide presentation from her book "101 Great Hikes of the San Francisco Bay Area."

■ "Climbing Mt. Shasta: Tips for First-time Skiers and Climbers," May 24, 7 p.m. A slide presentation by ranger Dan Towner about preparation for a safe first climb of Shasta via the Avalanche Gulch route.

■ "Paddling Adventures: How to Get Started Kayaking," May 25, 7 p.m. A slide lecture by Dan Crandall of Current Adventures Kayak School introducing all aspects of this fun and ver-

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## Stronger 'Enemy' returns to stage

By Pat Craig  
STAFF WRITER

Tanya Shaffer's "Let My Enemy Live Long" has matured into an engaging and entertaining personal recollection that packs a surprising emotional wallop.

It is this impact that has turned the show from the travel postcard it was when it played San Francisco's Eureka Theatre a little more than a year ago into a delightfully rich and meaty letter from far away. It's the same show, essentially: the story of Shaffer's 1994 trip to West Africa, focusing on a harrowing trip in Mali up the Niger River from Mopti to Timbuktu in a small boat. But Shaffer and director Amy Mueller have worked to give it much more depth.

The one-woman (and one incredible-percussionist, Baba Duru Demetrius) show is based on material from Shaffer's journal. Even though it covers the same territory as before, this version's greater development of Shaffer's own character gives audience members much more insight into her personality at the time of the journey, and a more vivid knowledge of the other characters she plays in the piece.

A self-styled "travel-head," Shaffer decided to take the boat trip after becoming disenchanted with and leaving a volunteer project in Ghana. She wanted to travel to Timbuktu, not by plane or in the larger boats taken by most tourists, but in a more traditional conveyance: a small, motorized boat she describes as "a pregnant canoe."

She befriends a number of people on the journey, including two men. One is an ex-convict with dreams of traveling to America and

### THEATER REVIEW

■ What: "Let My Enemy Live Long!" by Tanya Shaffer

■ Where: Berkeley Repertory Theatre, 2025 Addison St., Berkeley

■ When: Tuesdays-Sundays through May 12

■ How much: \$19-\$48.50

■ Call: 510-845-4700

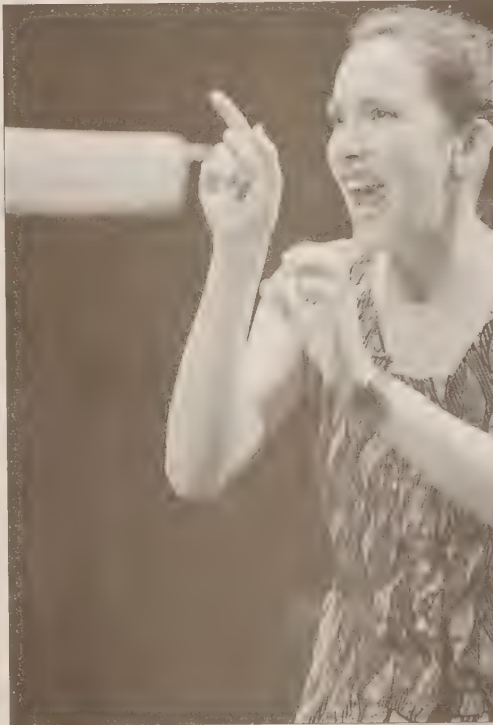
opening a shoe store. The other is a newly minted Christian on his way home to marry his missionary sweetheart.

After a rough first night, the situation grows dire when the boat sinks, killing one passenger and leaving the rest stranded in a remote African village waiting for the next boat.

During the delay, Shaffer encounters a number of people, including a young black American woman who abandoned her home in Los Angeles and traveled to Africa to become a teacher. Shaffer's conversation with the young woman marks the first racial confrontation she's had in Africa. When the woman claims Shaffer is being treated well and fawned over by the Africans because she is white, it puts a new twist on almost everything that has happened.

In its new form, "Let My Enemy Live Long" becomes an absolutely fascinating tale, one that showcases

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TANYA SHAFFER stars in Berkeley Repertory Theatre's production of "Let My Enemy Live Long!"

## 'Suicides' a dreamy enigma

Coppola's daughter's stylish true-to-its-novel film comes off as distant, despite good acting

By Karen Hershenson  
STAFF WRITER

Sofia Coppola made "The Virgin Suicides" her feature film debut, because she was knocked out by Jeffrey Eugenides' novel.

She was moved by the exquisite use of language and the way it depicted the ultra-heightened emotions of adolescence. The book explores loss and how even minor events can stick with you your entire life.

Those are worthwhile if esoteric themes, and "Virgin Suicides" is a polished moviemaking debut by the daughter of Francis Ford Coppola. But unlike other, more inventive book adaptations — the sly, toned-

### REVIEW

■ What: "The Virgin Suicides"

■ Starring: Kirsten Dunst, Josh Hartnett, James Woods, Kathleen Turner

■ Rating: R (strong thematic elements involving teens)

■ Running time: 1 hour, 37 minutes

■ Where: The Act, Berkeley; the Piedmont, Oakland; and the Metreon, S.F.

■ Grade: B-

down "American Psycho" is a prime example — Coppola stuck slavishly to Eugenides' storytelling in drafting her screenplay. What works on the page can be problematic on screen, and the film unfolds as if in a dream,



THE DOOMED LISBON SISTERS: Leslie Hayman (left), Kirsten Dunst, A.J. Cook and Chelse Swain.

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BILL MANN  
Media Notes

## Circus Minimus in Miami

My first reaction at seeing what one reporter called the "money shot," the AP photo of the federal agent with the atomic weapon in the Miami

didn't every family keep a man in the closet?

Radio talk host Ronn liked that line, too, and on his show after it had

appeared in my CBS Market humor column. This Miami

circus is certainly funny, but if I were concerned about

the future of American journalism, I know I'd be laughing or

in this sorry spectacle. If you see it, it's a "media circus," you'd be

seeing Barnum & Bailey. Do you think you're tired of the

Gonzalez story? Tired of the

politics — and often one-sided

TV living in Miami

My friend Ed, a veteran journal-

ist, says, "You have no idea how

it's been here the past month

the wall-to-wall coverage on

TV," he said with a sigh last

Ed, to put it mildly, is more

avidly disgusted with Lazaro

Gonzalez (he calls him "Uncle

Fesler") and his daughter Marisley

and KGO's Owens quite accu-

rately calls "the Drama Queen."

Marisley will be in Playboy

this six months," scoffs Ed, and

he passed this along insight to

me, he bet "Hardball's" Chris

show \$100 on the air that it

didn't happen. My bets are on either

play or an air job on a TV sta-

tion in Miami.

Marisley, whom we've seen

dramatic shots being wheeled

up three times to the hospital

what the networks called "ex-

haustion," wasn't too exhausted,

and Owens, for the Miami

and Machine and her kin to

up on a plane to Washington,

to take their sordid little

show up north.

Last Saturday after the raid,

and the always camera-ready

Queen was spouting non-

sense and outright lies about

reached photos and the feds not

checking on the door (videotape

show this, too, was untrue), there

was nobody to counter it on any

work that I watched. (The pos-

sible reasons for this below). When

my New Hampshire Sen. Bob

End" Smith, owner of possi-

bly the worst toupee in public life

man who once quit the GOP

because it was "too liberal," wad-

ed onto the set of the Fox News

show (News for the rest of us

who share Rupert Murdoch's

viewing views) Sen. Hairpiece

played the predictable nonsense

of jack-booted storm troopers. I

don't know whether to laugh or

angry. Could anyone possibly

think this buffoon seriously?

What a sorry cast of characters

on a three-ring job. It's been play-

ing like a third-rate soap opera,

and CNN just wouldn't let go. The

media Journalism Review ran a

column not long ago asking this

question: Just because CNN says it's

the end, does that mean it is?"

I think that question got an-

swered several times last weekend

on CNN, which had given Uncle

Fesler and the Drama Queen

centage for weeks, saw its own

corruption tent ripped down by angry

anti-Americans. CNN said that

it was, too, and ran with it.

Dave Ross, who hosts what may

be the funniest and most common-

sense (and apolitical) radio talk

show in the country up on Seattle's

KI-FM, was also bemused by the

show's parade of angry clowns.

Shows, whose invariably amusing

panel commentaries can be

heard here weekdays at 2:35 p.m.

on KIRO Radio, is available on the

Internet at www.kiroradio.com. I

can't resist Monday morning

glaring to Ross live while taping

the KGO show.

If you're a conservative Republi-

can who endorses the war on

terrorism — breaking down doors,

breaking up families, you can't

miss this raid," said the stento-

rious Ross, tongue in cheek

always. "And if you're one of

the fundamentalists who are al-

ways writing me saying assault

troops are not evil, you also

oppose what happened in Mi-

ami," said the KIRO host, savoring

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# Calendar

Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis.

## Children

**Kids and their adult companions** can explore the UC Botanical Garden with docent Lois Paul the last Sunday of every month at 1 p.m. The next dates are April 30, May 28 and June 25. Call 643-1924 to reserve your place. For the talk: \$15 for garden members, \$20 for non-members. Call 642-0849 for additional information.

**Luna Kids Dance (LKD)** offers dance and acting classes for children and teens ages 3-17 in a fun and supportive environment. Locations: Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave.; El Cerrito, Contra Costa Civic Theater, 951 Pomona Ave.; Oakland, Glenview Performing Arts Center, 1318 Glenfield Ave. and Montclair Women's Cultural Arts Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd. For more information, call the LKD central office at 430-4113.

**The Berkeley Art Center** host its eighth annual Youth Arts Festival, a city-wide event celebrating Berkeley youth talent in the areas of visual art, music, dance, and the spoken word. An exhibition of outstanding visual art by K-8 students from the 15 schools in the Berkeley Unified School District is on display at the center through May 14. Special events including performances and workshops will be ongoing throughout the festival. The Berkeley Art Center is located in Live Oak Park at 1275 Walnut St. Hours: Wednesday-Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. For more information call Yvette Deas at 644-6893.

**The Stagetrappers Academy**, a division of Bay Area Children's Theatre Company, presents "School House Rock Live! Jr.," on May 13, and 27, 1 p.m. at the John Muir Elementary School, 2955 Claremont Ave. The production is a musical with an all-kid cast. Tickets: Adults, \$10; Children, \$5, 2-12 years, under 2 free. No reservations needed. Call 762-2279 or 415-478-2277 for additional information.

**LBGTQ Parent and Prospective Parent Groups** meet the first Saturday of the month 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with concurrent childcare. All groups meet at the Pacific Center at 2712 Telegraph Ave. in Berkeley. Donations are requested, but not required. For information or to RSVP contact Anna at familyprogram@yahoo.com or 415-789-8560 classes.

**The Ann Martin Children's** Center offers eight "Support Groups For Mothers," sessions for first time mothers and babies their babies under 5 months. Experienced facilitator. For information: 524-0821

**Kids and their adult companions** can explore the University of California Botanical Garden with docent Lois Paul the last Sunday of every month at 1 p.m. You will visit a section of the Garden that represents a different continent or foreign country, find out what's special about the plants that grow there, and then draw what you see. Call 643-2755 to reserve your space.

**"Theater Rats,"** Julia Morgan's kid's theater camp program, offers swimming, singing, dancing, acting, and field games as some of its exciting activities. The camp is a two-week session for kids 6-14. Call 883-7023 for additional information.

## Health

**Charcot Marie Tooth (CMT)** support group meets Saturdays bimonthly at West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CMT is a neuropathic disorder. Call 524-3506 for additional information.

**YWCA Health and Community Education:** drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more. YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, 648-6370; \$8 - \$10.

## Community

**The Berkeley Bay Festival**, a free city-sponsored family event, takes place on Saturday, April 29, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Berkeley Marina. The outdoor event is filled with activities, music, boats and information on exciting family outings and summer programs for all ages. Call 644-6580 for additional information.

**The Bay Area Hispanic Institute for Advancement, Inc. (BAHIA, Inc.),** Project VIDA, celebrates its 25th anniversary on Saturday, April 29, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Blessing takes place at 10 a.m. at Centro Vida, 1000 Camelia St.; the parade leaves Centro Vida at 11 a.m. A Family Celebration takes place at James Kenney Park, 1718 8th St., 12 to 4 p.m. For more information, call 525-1463.

**Lawrence Hall of Science** presents "World Wide Web Surfing" on Thursday and Friday, April 27 and 28, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Learn how to navigate the World Wide Web in this introduction to the Internet. Price: \$35 Call 642-5134 for additional information.

**The East Bay French-American School** presents its 22nd Annual Kitchen Tour, Sunday, May 7, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Participants begin the day with a choice of breakfast or brunch in a spectacular Piedmont home followed by a tour of a selection of creative and beautifully designed kitchens in the Piedmont, Oakland and Berkeley area. Tour and champagne breakfast cost \$90. Brunch

and tour, \$45. Tour only, \$30. Tickets are available at the school, 1009 Heinz Ave., Berkeley, or registration forms may be downloaded from [www.ebfas.org](http://www.ebfas.org)

**The Turning Point** at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, offers a "Resume Clinics on Tuesday afternoons or by appointment. Anne Levine, Ph.D. has a background in Design and Education. Price: \$15 for YWCA members, \$20 for non-members. Call 848-6370 for additional information.

**Marlon Rosen**, founder of Rosen Method bodywork and movement, presents the Method through lecture, demonstration, and experiential practice. Rosen is joined in the presentation by Sara Webb, Senior Teacher of Rosen Method bodywork. Location: Feldenkrais Resources, 830 Bancroft Way. Admission: \$10. Reservations are strongly recommended. For more information or to make a reservation, contact Abby Paige, at 845-6606.

**Berkeley's Office of Emergency Services** presents a new series of free Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) classes. The classes give basic, practical information, including hands-on training in fire suppression, light search and rescue, and disaster first aid. All classes are held at the fire department's Emergency Operations Center, 997 Cedar St. The classes are open to everyone, 18 or older, who lives or works in Berkeley. To register, or for more information, call the Office of Emergency Services, 644-8736.

**Berkeley Art Museum, Pacific Film Archive** offers a guided tour of Equal Partner: Men and Women Principals in Contemporary Architectural Practice presented by graduate students from the UC-Berkeley Department of Architecture, College of Environmental Design on Alternating Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. For additional information call 642-0808

**Overeaters Anonymous** meet Fridays at 1:30 PM at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley, 941 The Alameda between Solano and Marin avenues, in Room 2—the childcare room—parents may bring their children. This organization is for individuals who eat compulsively? For further information, call Katherine at 525-5231.

**Toastmasters**, do it now. Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Call 883-6708 for additional information.

**Civil Rights activists** needed. Write the ACLU chapter of Berkeley, Albany, Richmond, and Kensington. P.O. Box 11141, Berkeley, CA, 94701.

**"Work Buddies,"** volunteers needed to perform volunteer work with people in early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nannette Lupton, 644-8292.

**Psychic Healing clinic;** 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays; free clinic at the Academy for Psychic Studies in Berkeley, aura cleansing, stress relief; 1-800-642-9355.

**SMART project;** the Alcohol Research Group in Berkeley is conducting a study to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse treatment: medical model day treatment and social model day treatment. By calling 1-888-249-8802 and agreeing to do three interviews, individuals chosen for the study receive free treatment at existing treatment programs.

**The Edible Schoolyard**, an organic gardening and cooking program at Berkeley's King Middle School, seeks volunteers to work with students, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 558-1335 for information.

**English-in-Action** lets you make friends from around the world. Volunteer as a conversation partner with a foreign UC scholar/student for one hour a week. YWCA, at Berkeley, Call 843-9716.

**Women's Daytime Drop-in Center** in Berkeley; serving women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, needs volunteers. The Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts. For more information, call 466-5663

## Exhibits

**The ACCI Gallery**, 1652 Shattuck Ave., continues its Recycled Art show through April 30, and its Garden Show through May 20. Gallery hours: Tuesday-Saturday 11 to 6 p.m., Fridays until 7 p.m., Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Call 843-2527.

**Random Works of Art 2000** continues its exhibit of Painting and Sculpture through May 14. The exhibit takes place at Alta Bates Hospital Gallery, 2450 Ashby Ave., at Colby. The gallery is on the first floor lobby, north end. Random Works of Art is a group of nine East Bay women artists. For more information, call Chris Johnson at 655-4959.

**New Leaf Gallery**, 1286 Gilman St., Berkeley presents the outdoor show of contemporary sculpture in weathering, painted and stainless steel by 11 artists through May 28. The gallery's hours are Wednesday through Sun, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. For additional information, call 525-7621.

**Photolab**, 2235 Fifth St., presents "Organics," 30" x 40" Cibachrome Prints, photographs by Kiyo Eshima through May 13. Lab and Gallery hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Saturday 9-3 p.m. Call 644-1400 for additional information.

**Artists Ratka Popovic and Remi Rubel** exhibit mixed media work through April 30 in the Current Gallery at the Crucible, 1035 Murray St. For additional information, call 843-5511 or visit the website at <http://www.thecrucible.org>.

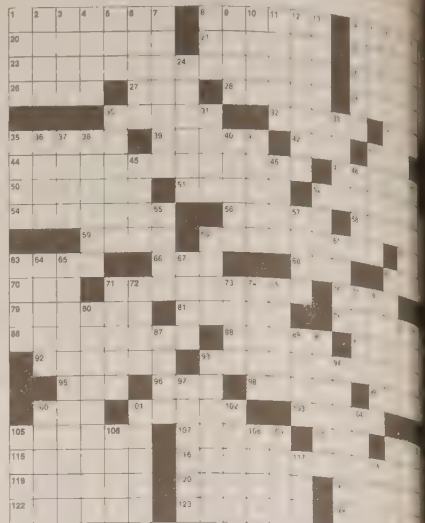
**The Albany Arts Committee** presents "Form, Shapes, and Portraits," a photography exhibition by Len Blau through May 31 at the Albany Community Foyer Gallery, 1249 Marin Ave. **Jenny Lee** and Monica Marini, "Two

## NEW YORK TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE

### GET WISE

By NANCY NICHOLSON JOLINE / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

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Women Creating," open their 2718 Russell St. studio. Both women are artists dedicated to their craft and currently sharing teaching positions at Park Day School in Oakland. Each has spent the past 20 plus years living and loving the creative process. All work will be for sale. For additional information call 644-9341.

**"Snowmen in Summer"** a solo exhibition by Carrie Lederer takes place at the John F. Kennedy Arts Annex, 2956 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Gallery hours: Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For additional information call 649-0499

**Alta Bates Medical Center** presents work by members of the California Watercolor Association at its Community Art Gallery, 2450 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. The gallery is in the main corridor to the left of the information desk and main entrance. Call 204-4444 for additional information. New Pieces Gallery presents a list of artists for the year 1999 Located on Solano Avenue, New Pieces is the only gallery which shows quilts and soft cloth sculptures and dolls exclusively. The gallery is open during store business hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday Noon to 5 p.m. except major holidays. Details: 527-6779.

**Literary Events**  
**The Jack London Book and Paper Collectors Fair** takes place on Sunday, April 30, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel, Berkeley Marina, 200 Manna Blvd. The public is invited to peruse and purchase fine books, ephemera and paper collectibles. The items cover a variety of subjects including autographs, advertising, ethnic, world fairs, calendars, catalogues, California, documents, maps, movie memorabilia, menus from luxury liners, original posters, prints, photographs, trade cards, pulp magazines, sheet music, theater programs, railroading and tons of postcards. Admission: \$6, \$2 off one admission with ad. Wheelchair accessible. Call 444-2159 for additional information.

**The Reading Edge** is available for public use at the Berkeley Public Library, 2121 Allston Way. This computer scans printed text and reads it back aloud with a synthesized voice. It's available for anyone with a disability that requires its use to access print material. Users must complete a brief training session before using the Reading Edge; after that, reservations are needed. Call the Reference Desk at 644-6648 to set up a training session.

**Meetings**  
**A workshop** that explores how Chinese medicine, including acupuncture, herbs and nutrition, works to improve fertility and how such approaches can be combined with Western fertility treatments. On Wednesday, April 26, 7 p.m. at Albany Adult School, 601 San Gabriel, Albany. Call 559-6580 for additional information.

**Residential Street Sweeping Issues and Challenges**, a public hearing takes place on Thursday, May 4, 7:30-9:30 p.m. at St. John's Church, 2727 College Ave. Call Virginia Vafa, 665-3440 for additional information.

**The Kensington** 55-plus Activity Center, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington, meet weekly on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Kensington Senior Center is sponsored by West Contra Costa Adult School and Arlington Community Church. For additional information, call 526-9146 or Virginia Walker, Teacher-Director, 547-1989.

**The YWCA** offers free orientations every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. of its Turning Point Career Center, 2600 Bancroft Way. The orientations outline the center's resources and the variety of workshops it offers to the public. For additional information, call 848-6370.

**The Berkeley Camera Club** meets every Tuesday evening, 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Participants share

slides and prints and learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. Call Wade for information, 531-8664

**Speak Smart!** Join Beijing Express Toastmasters. The Smart Club! Meetings take place each Monday, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at Peking Express Restaurant, 2068 Center St. For additional information call 549-9671.

**Toastmasters Meeting:** Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice with us. Every Tuesday, Noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Berkeley. Call 883-6708 for additional information.

**Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS)** meets every Thursday evening at the First Baptist Church, Richmond, on Solano below Arlington. Call Betty Coates 235-0490 for more information

**Joy of Yiddish:** Yiddish conversation at 1 p.m. at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst. Call 644-6107 for additional information. The Berkeley Communicators Toastmasters Club meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m. at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant. Details: 524-3765.

**The Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education Group** meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except December) 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Maffly Auditorium, Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way, Dr. Brian Kaye, a rheumatologist, has treated many patients with various types of arthritis and will be available for questions. For additional information call 204-4503.

**Toastmasters on Campus** meet the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the English Language Program Building, 2515 Hillegass. Details: 704-1822.

**Public speaking skills and metaphysics** come together at Avatar Metaphysical Toastmasters. On-going meetings first and third Thursdays, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., 2515 Hillegass Ave., Call 869-2547 for details

**Spirituality and Healing.** Voices of Healing Story Circles. Spiritually oriented healing group for people living with life-threatening illness. Meets second Wednesday of each month in North Berkeley. Call 528-1235 for information.

**State Health Toastmasters Club** meet every second, third and fourth Thursday of the month from 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. at the State Health building, 2151 Berkeley Way. Details: 649-7750

**Higher Alignment:** 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Mondays; fun, informative seminars creating spiritual partnerships: Feldenkrais Center, 830 Bancroft Way, Berkeley;

(415) 461-5337 \$20  
**Alta Bates Support Group** meets the second day of every month, 1-2:30 p.m. 4503 Call for additional information

**Overeaters Anonymous** is a program providing the support with eating problems, meet every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. at St. John's Church, 2727 College Ave. and 7th St. every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the 901 Ninth Street (East Bay) third floor. For further info, call 273-9292

**TOPS:** 9:30 a.m., Monday. Pounds Off Sensibly, Albany. meets at 980 Stannage St. 233-2948 or Karen 525-6800

**Avatar Metaphysical** meets on the 1st and 3rd of the month from 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. Call 643-7645

**Toastmasters** noon - 1:00 p.m.; stand up and say what you mean; practice with the toastmasters at 700 Heinz Ave., Berkeley

**Alta Bates Rehabilitation Center** East Bay Neurology sponsors monthly stroke support group. Advance reservations are required.

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**Music** The group meets the first Tuesday of each month from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Maffly Auditorium on Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way, Berkeley. Tickets: \$20-45.00.

**The Berkeley Public Library West Branch** 1125 University Ave., presents *Celebrate Dia de Los Ninos/Dia de Los Niños* on Saturday, April 29, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the library. A native of Central America and a musician, instrument maker, artist and storyteller, presents *Artes and Juguets*, a program that involves the audience as participants. The program is bilingual, Spanish and English and is designed for the whole family, especially children between 3 and 8 years old. For additional information, call Marge Sussman at 848-6370.

**The Berkeley High School Jazz Ensemble** will perform a quartet and sextet perform at the Oak Tree Grill in Jack London Square, 350 Embarcadero, Oakland, on Sunday, April 30 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The benefit performance includes a buffet lunch. Tickets are \$25 general admission, \$15 students, and seniors and teachers. Proceeds will help to defray the ongoing expenses of the jazz program in the Berkeley Unified School District. Other events: Sunday, May 7 performance at the jazz on Fourth Street Festival in Berkeley and the Final Concert at the high school. Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling parking coordinator Lori Ferguson at 866-4400 or visit the web site at [www.bhsjazz.k12.ca.us/arts/performance/jazz/](http://www.bhsjazz.k12.ca.us/arts/performance/jazz/). Tickets can also be purchased at the door.

**The San Francisco Early Music Society** presents *Musica Pacifica* with Ellen Hays soprano on Saturday, April 29, 8 a.m. at the St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave. Tickets: \$22 and \$19. Call 528-1725 for additional information or visit the Web site at [www.sfmusic.org](http://www.sfmusic.org).

**The San Francisco Bay Area Choral Choir** presents two concerts this spring: Saturday, April 28, at 8 p.m. at Ocean Blvd., San Jose, and Sunday, April 30, 4 p.m. at the First Congregational Church of Berkeley, Durant and Chas. Sts. The program consists of a cappella songs of Praise, Reflection, and Joy by composers from the Renaissance to Contemporary. Admission is \$10 general; \$8 for Seniors and Students. For ticket information and group prices, call 763-3551.

**MusicSources presents** Boston keyboardist Mark Roloff performing music of the Bach family and Scarlatti on Sunday, April 30, 5 p.m. Participants should plan to attend a reception and explore MusicSources and its historic instruments after the concert. Tickets: \$8 general. MusicSources members, seniors and students: \$15. For reservations, call 528-1685.

**The Crowden School**, 1475 Rose St., continues its four concert series Sunday, April 30, with *A Tempo Chamber Ensemble*. The all-Mozart program will be introduced with a pre-concert talk at 3:30 p.m. The concert begins at 4 p.m. and features the Piano Quartet in G Major, Duo Sonata for Violin and Viola in G Major, and Sonata for Bassoon and cello. Admission is \$10, free for those under 18. For more information, call 869-6910.

**Innovative jazz** guitarist John Scofield and band headline the Pacific Coast Eclectic Jazz Festival on Saturday, April 29, 8 p.m. at UC Berkeley Zellerbach Hall. Band members include Avi Schnick, rhythm guitar, Jesse Murphy, bass, Eric Kalo drums and Mark De Gili on keyboards. Tickets: \$16, \$20 and \$26 are available through the Cal Performances Ticket Office, Call 642-7988 to charge by phone; by e-mail [tickets@calperform.berkeley.edu](mailto:tickets@calperform.berkeley.edu); and at the door. Half-price tickets for UC Berkeley students.

**Cal Coast College Jazz Festival** (PCCJ) Friday-Saturday, April 28 and 29 at the UC Berkeley campus. The two-day event is the largest student-operated college jazz festival in the nation. The PCCJF brings hundreds of young jazz musicians together in the spirit of jamming for continuous performances, competitions and jam sessions in the studios of Cesar Chavez Center and UC Choral Rehearsal Hall. Passes for the event are \$7 per day and are available Friday, April 28 at Cesar Chavez Center. Call 642-9988 for additional information.

**The Saint Mark's Episcopal Church**, 2000 Bancroft Way, presents George Frideric Handel, on organ. Donation. Call 845-2828 for additional information.

**The Distaff Singers**, an established East Bay Women's chorus, is seeking new members. No auditions required, just a love of singing. Classical, pop, sacred, Broadway. Rehearsals Tuesday nights, 7:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. Call Michelle 601-5520, or L.J. 482-1677.

**Jackson Distone**, featuring Donald Bailey on piano, vocals, harmonica, Isaiah Dixon, Acoustic Bass, Michael Lankford, Drums and Larry Giustino on Fretless Gibson LA, perform every Saturday night from 10 to 11 p.m. at Anna's Place, 1801 University at Grant. All ages welcome.

**Ashkenaz**, 1317 San Pablo Ave., presents Grateful Dead DJ night with Digby Dave and Jazz Z.D. on Thursday nights from 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tickets are \$4. Call 594-1400 for additional information.

**Friday Night Folk Dancing**: 8 p.m., 11 p.m. No partners necessary for line dances taught from Rumania, Bulgaria, Turkey, Near East and other lands each Friday from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m., followed by request dances from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. No experience necessary; all ages welcome. Albany YMCA, 1011 Kains Ave.; \$4; call 525-1542.

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**Turning Point** at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, offers "Scribe Time," a technique that helps participants understand themselves and to find focus. The group meets on Tuesdays by appointment and is free to YWCA members. Call 848-6370 for additional information, leave a message for Anne Levine.

**East Bay Regional Park Botanical Garden** Tilden Park, presents regular tours, seven days a week. Week days 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, and Sundays 2 p.m. Special tours by appointment. Call 841-8732. For a schedule of upcoming classes call 925-820-1021.

## Support

**Alta Bates Medical Center** Herrick Campus offers a guided relaxation and visualization for people with cancer every Thursday, 5-6 p.m., at its Comprehensive Cancer Center, first floor Conference Room, 2001 Dwight Way. The Center offers this solution with an innovative approach to reducing stress and anxiety and creating positive, life-affirming images. Call 204-1811 for additional information. Call 204-1811 for additional information.

**Alta Bates Medical Center**, offers a Grief Education Class every third Saturday of each month, 10 a.m. to noon at ABMC Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. The class covers common and personal grief reactions. Fee: \$10. No one refused due to inability to pay. For further information, contact 841-2930.

**Alta Bates Medical Center**, 3001 Dwight Way, offers support group classes for stroke survivors and their families and friends on the first Tuesday of the month, from 4-5 p.m., at the Herrick Campus of Alta Bates Medical Center. There is no admission charge and advance registration is not necessary. Call 204-4503 for additional information.

**The Comprehensive Cancer Center and Breast Center** Salon, Alta Bates Medical Center, 3001 Dwight Way, offers a support group for friends and families coping with cancer. The support group is offered on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. This is a free service. Call 204-1811 for additional information.

**The Lupus Foundation** of Northern California is still accepting applications for its Youth Pilot Support Program currently underway at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford. The group meets monthly and is open to teens suffering from lupus and other rheumatic diseases. For more information, call (408) 954-8600 or visit [www.balf.org](http://www.balf.org).

**The Grief Counseling Project** offers help to those who are overwhelmed with pain and grief associated with the death of a loved one. Many people suffer in isolation. The holiday season is especially bad. No one is turned away. Call 889-1104.

**The City of Berkeley** Portable Meals program desperately needs drivers to deliver 15 meals once a week to home-bound seniors. Call 644-8590.

**The North Berkeley Senior Center** is also seeking volunteers to work in its gift store, coffee bar and dining area three to four hours, one day a week. Call 644-6107.

**The Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education group** presents Dorothea Dorenz, a state certified massage and movement therapist, who teaches self-healing methods. Bring a small pillow, and wear loose, comfortable clothing. For directions or more information, call 204-4503.

## Lecture/Workshop

**Dr. Christine Hasford** of UC Berkeley presents a lecture entitled, "Sacred Heights: Early Architecture in the Andes," on Friday, April 28, 8 p.m. at 370 Dwinelle Hall on the campus. Call 549-3708 for additional information or E-mail: [jkimbal@csen.org](mailto:jkimbal@csen.org).

**The YWCA** offers free orientations of its Turning Point Career Center. The orientations outline resources available to the public as well as the great variety of workshops held every Tuesday, at 1:30 p.m. For more information, call 848-6370.

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**The Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association** continues its Tuesday Spring Lecture Series with "West by Northwest: Great Lodges in the Arts and Crafts Tradition," May 16. All lectures begin at 7 p.m. Talks are \$10 each and tickets are available at the door. For further information, call 841-2242 or 652-0975.

**"What is Meditation,"** is a peaceful and practical introduction to the basics of meditation. The free seminar takes place at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 2352 Shattuck Ave. Priggo Dove is the facilitator. Call 644-0861 for additional information.

**Emotions Anonymous** Twelve-Step meetings every Sunday at 8 p.m. Call 236-8226 for Berkeley location.

## Religion

**The Tibetan Nyingma Institute**, 1815 Highland Place, presents Buddhism Barr Rosenberg on Sunday, April 30, 6 p.m., speaking on "The Path of Heroes." Barr Rosenberg, Co-dean of the Nyingma Institute, will speak on the importance of bringing the compassionate wisdom of this path into the world today. Call 843-6812 for additional information.

## Theater, Dance &amp; Film

**The Shotgun Players**, 434 36th St., previews Caryl Churchill's "The Skriker" on Friday, April 28, 8 p.m. at the Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave. Opening Night is Saturday, April 29, 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 30, 7 p.m. Preview tickets: \$8. Opening Night Champagne/Whiskey reception \$20. For reservations and information, call 655-0813 or check the web site at [www.shotgunplayers.com](http://www.shotgunplayers.com).

**The UC Berkeley University Dance Theater** continues its Spring 2000 program. Performances are at UC Berkeley Zellerbach Playhouse, April 30 at 8 p.m.

and April 29 at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$12 general admission, \$8 faculty and \$6 for students and seniors. For more information call 642-8268 or [genturc@uclink.berkeley.edu](mailto:genturc@uclink.berkeley.edu).

**"Mother Hubbard,"** written by Pulitzer Prize nominee Ishmael Reed, continues through May 30, Friday's and Saturday's at 8 p.m. and Saturday matinees, 2:30 p.m. at the Black Repertory Group Theatre, 201 Adeline St. The play is directed by Michael Lange, assistant director and choreography, Tamu. Call 652-2120 for ticket information.

**The California Shakespeare Festival** hosts the BARD's Birthday Celebration: Shakespeare and Beyond on Friday, April 28, 6 p.m. at the Claremont Resort and Spa, 41 Tunnel Rd. Tickets: \$175 regular, \$250 honorary committee. For additional information, call 548-3422, ext 112.

**Berkeley Ballet Theater** will hold placement auditions for its summer intensive program at its studios in the Julia Morgan Center, 2640 College Ave., on Sunday, April 30, 3 p.m. The summer program is offered to children of all ages and abilities as well as adults and will be held at the Berkeley Ballet Theater Studios from July 10 to Aug. 19. For additional information about classes or auditions, call 843-4687.

**The Contra Costa Civic Theatre** presents the musical "Fiddler on the Roof," through May 27. Performances at 8 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays. Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. on April 30, May 7, 14 and 21 only. Tickets: \$15 adults, \$6 youth under 16 with identification. For reservations call 524-9132.

**The Masquers Playhouse** presents the suspense drama "The Haunting of Hillhouse," Friday and Saturday evenings, through May 6. Sunday matinee: April 30. Shirley Jackson's novel of chilling terror and mounting fear, tells of visitors to a remote mansion, a house whose supernatural secrets can bring madness, and even death. Call the 24-hour reservation line, 232-4031.

**Swing Dance Classes!** Learn East coast swing and Lindy Hop with Michael and Persephone of Shagtime Dance Instruction, on Mondays at the Work Studio, 2566 Telegraph Ave. Beginning Lindy Hop runs 8:30 p.m. to

9:30 p.m. East Coast Swing from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. and beginning Lindy Hop 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays, at The Beat, 2560 Ninth St. Classes run as a monthly series. For more information, call Michael Marangio at 528-7858.

## Classes

**The Berkeley Adult School (BAS)** offers Adult Basic Education classes, High School Diploma Requirement classes, General Educational Development Preparation classes which can be utilized to earn a GED certificate, and Preparation for US Citizenship classes. The classes are free. BAS also offers, for an affordable fee, a variety of vocational classes and computer classes, ranging from introduction to Computers to Advanced Computer Applications. Call 644-6130 for additional information.

**The South Berkeley Senior Center**, 2939 Ellis St., offers a variety of classes. For additional information and class scheduling, call 883-5222.

**Interview Clinics** sponsored by Turning Point Center at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, are held on Monday mornings from 9-11 by appointment. 30-minute sessions are \$15 for YWCA members and \$20 for non-members. Call the Center at 848-6370 and leave a message to reserve an appointment time. Be sure to leave a name and telephone number.

**Turning Point** at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, presents Scribble Time on Tuesdays, by appointment. The class is free to YWCA members. This technique is designed to help individuals understand themselves better. Call 848-6370 for additional information. Leave a message for Anne Levine.

**The Ecology Center**, 2530 San Pablo Ave., presents an introductory class for the home fruit grower. Proper pruning increases the flavor and size of fruit, as well as preserves the health and

longevity of the tree. There will also be a demonstration of various pruning tools. The class is taught by Greg Peck, owner of an organic landscape and garden design business in the East Bay. Cost is \$10 for nonmembers; \$7.50 for members. Call 548-2220 to reserve a space.

**The van der Zanden Studio**, 1025 Carleton, No. 9, offers sculpture classes. All levels. Call 843-9445 for additional information.

**A CopWatch** class takes place every Monday night from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at 2022 Blake St., near Shattuck. Know your rights. The classes are free. Call 548-0425 for additional information.

**Berkeley Community Media (BCM)**, Channel 25, offers affordable classes in video production and editing to Berkeley residents. Free orientations designed to introduce BCM to the public are held on Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at 2239 Martin Luther King Jr. Way. For more information call 848-2288 and ask for Patrick, John or Sage.

**Ashkenaz**, 1317 San Pablo Ave., offers many dances classes ranging from Afro-Cuban to Kalaraj Dances of India, to West Coast Swing to Lindy Hop and East Coast Swing. The Ashkenaz is a nonprofit music and dance community center. Call 525-5054 for additional information.

**Life Stories/Collage and Ceramics** classes forming at St. John's Senior Center, 2727 College Ave., Tuesday mornings 9 a.m. to noon. All are welcome. Free. Sponsored by Berkeley Adult School. Teachers are Diana Bohn and Judith Carroll. Call 845-6830 for additional information.

**Contemporary Women's Issues** class is forming at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst St. Free class offered by the Berkeley Adult

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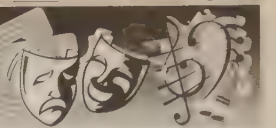
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# Dining & Entertainment



## Lakeshore Avenue Fine Arts Festival

The 17th annual Fine Arts Festival will be hosted by the Lakeshore Avenue Business Association on Saturday and Sunday, May 6 and 7.

Running from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day, the Festival will feature arts and crafts vendors from California, Oregon and Washington selling hand made or painted pictures, jewelry, pottery, and furniture.

The entertainment will feature artists and bands such as the Piccola and Root as well as an eclectic mix of other music, ranging from jazz to African drumming music performed by the Alumni Big Band.

Booths offering taste of dishes such as pizza, rotisserie, barbecued hot dogs, smoothies and plates of samplings from the Mediterranean rim will allow visitors to spend an entire day on Lakeshore Avenue.

Exhibiting the crafts, food and entertainment will be booths from the community to inform, entertain and shop.

SPCA will bring a Mobile Adoption Unit to the Festival offering puppies for adoption. The Oakland Fire Department will have a fire engine for children to climb on and will also offer

instruction for youngsters about fire safety.

The Lakemaster of Lake Merritt will have ecological information about how what we do at home affects our Lake and Oakland Recycles will offer an interactive recycling lesson and information about how to recycle hard-to-dispose-of materials.

The East Bay Depot For Creative Re-use will help Festivalgoers create hats to keep the sun at bay.

There will be storytellers and face painters, stilt walkers and clowns.

Lakeshore Avenue will be closed to through traffic during both days of the Festival, so plan your travels accordingly. Parking will be available under the freeway at LakePark and on the streets adjoining the Avenue. Park around Lake Merritt and walk to Lakeshore. The merchants of the Avenue look forward to helping you find just the right gift on the weekend before Mothers' Day!

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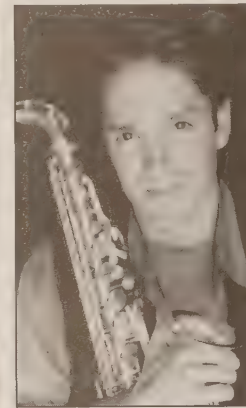
In 1998, Wawa Sylvestre and The Oneness Kingdom Band celebrated the release of their debut album, Oneness. Wawa Sylvestre and The Oneness Kingdom Band will be performing on Friday, April 28 at Kimball's East at 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.



## Dave Koz performs at Kimball's East

Dave Koz was born and raised in Los Angeles, California. He picked up the saxophone at age 13. Koz graduated from UCLA with a degree in Mass Communications. He has worked as a session man for many artists. His first solo record, *Dave Koz*, was released in 1990. Since then Koz has released four other CDs, and hosts his own radio show.

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**There is an immediate need** for Home Delivered Meal volunteers at the "Open House" Senior Center to deliver noon day meals to the homebound in Kens-

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**Breast Cancer Action**, an advocacy and activist organization aimed to inspire and compel the changes necessary to end the breast cancer epidemic, is seeking volunteers. A wide variety of volunteer opportunities, including events, activist and task force help, and office work during the week, are available. Call 415-243-9301, for additional information.

**Berkeley's Women's Daytime Drop-In Center** needs off-site volunteers to help with mailings, fund-raising events, and holiday programs. Training is provided for all volunteers who can devote three-and-a-half hours a week to working at the Center. Other on-site opportunities include answering phones and performing administrative functions. Those wishing to volunteer should call 466-5663 or 548-6933.

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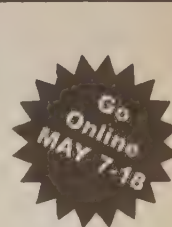
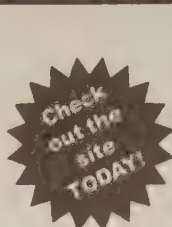
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**SPECIAL EVENT** — "The Art of Making Books," April 29, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. With Elizabeth Zirker. Students will hand-craft their own books. For ages 12 and up. Free. Wednesday through Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Live Oak Park, 2215 Walnut St., Berkeley. (510) 644-6893.

**Berkeley Public Library, North Branch** — The 21st Annual Quilt Show, closing May 6. The show of 50 quilts is an eclectic mix of traditional and contemporary quilts ranging from an 1860 applique quilt to a quilt composed of Jazzercise t-shirts. Exhibitors are from Berkeley, El Cerrito, Dublin and Newark. Six quilts from Jefferson, John Muir, Thousand Oaks and Cragmont elementary schools in Berkeley, Madera Elementary in El Cerrito, and Kensington Hilltop Elementary in Kensington will be raffled. Free. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 1170 The Alameda, Berkeley. (510) 644-6850.

**California College Of Arts And Crafts** — "Capp Street Project: Jim Hodges," closing May 6. An exhibit of new works by the artist-in-residence. Free. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Oliver Art Center, 5212 Broadway, Oakland. (415) 651-9102.

**Chi Gallery** — "Courage and Faith," May 3 through June 11. An exhibit of paintings by Titus Kaphar, Jeanette Madden, and Corinne Innis. Free. Monday, May 6, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Free. Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. 912-A Clay St., Oakland. (510) 832-4244.

**Creative Growth Art Center Gallery** — "OBSESSIONS/COMPULSIONS," closing April 28. An exhibit exploring the themes of obsession and compulsion that run through various artists' work. Free. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 355 24th St., Oakland. (510) 836-2340.

**Graduate Theological Union** — "On Common Ground," through June 23. This exhibit is a portrait of faith-based communities in Los Angeles.

■ "Finding the Sacred Mountain," through June 20. An exhibit of sumi-e and watercolors by Robert Kostka. Free. Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday, 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 7 p.m. Flora Lamson Hewlett Library, 2400 Ridge Rd., Berkeley. (510) 649-2540.

**Thelma Harris Art Gallery** — Rosalind McGary, through May 28. An exhibit of paintings. Free. Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. 5940 College Ave., Oakland. (510) 654-0443.

**Laney College Art Gallery** — "Annual Student Art Show, May 1 through May 23. Featuring paintings, prints, sculpture, and mixed media. Artists' Reception, May 11, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Free. Monday and Thursday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. 900 Fallon St., Oakland. (510) 464-3586.

**Kala Art Institute** — "High Touch/High Tech: Crossing The Divide," through May 26. An exhibit of juried and invited artists. Free. Tuesday through Friday, noon to 5 p.m. Workshop Media Center Gallery, 1060 Heinz Ave., Berkeley. (510) 549-2977.

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission** — "The Art of Transportation," closing April 28. An exhibit showcasing illustrators who have contributed works to MTC's "Transactions" newsletters and annual reports. Free. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eighth Street Corridor Gallery, Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter, 101 Eighth St., Oakland. (510) 464-7700.

**New Pieces Gallery** — "Rock, Stone, Masonry and Mosaics," May 6 through June 1. An exhibit of quilts by Charlotte Patera. ■ "The Rhapsody of Dolls," May 6 through June 1. An exhibit of dolls by Patti Medaris Culea. Free. Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. 1597 Solano Ave., Berkeley. (510) 527-6779.

**Oakland Public Library** — "The

Rise and Fall of the East Bay Canning Industry," through June 30. An exhibit of photographs and artifacts. Free. Monday, Tuesday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, noon to 8 p.m.; Friday, noon to 5:30 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. History Room, Main Library, 125 14th St., Oakland. (510) 238-3222.

**Oakland YWCA** — "Trash to Treasures," May 6 through June 1. The 8th annual junk art exhibit. Artist Reception, May 6, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Free. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Julia Morgan Tea Room, 1515 Webster St., Oakland. (510) 428-0502.

**Lizabeth Oliveria Gallery** — "Recent Works by Nicolas Ackerman," through May 20. An exhibition of this San Francisco artist's brightly colored, abstract paintings which make reference to television, the media, society and everyday life. Free. Tuesday through Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. 942 Clay St., Oakland. (510) 625-1350.

**Royal Ground Gallery** — "Serendipity," May 3 through June 25. An exhibit of paintings, collage, pastels, photography and sculpture by various artists.

■ Reception, May 10, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

■ "Eight, Not Nine, Artists," closing

April 30. An exhibit of paintings, prints, photography and sculpture by various artists. Free. Daily 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. 2058 Mountain Blvd., Oakland. (510) 339-0348.

**Traywick Gallery** — "minimalPOP," through May 14. A group exhibit of a variety of media. Free. Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. 1316 10th St., Berkeley. (510) 527-1214.

**University Of California Bernice Layne Brown Gallery** — "Bridging the Bay: Bridging the Campus," closing April 30. The exhibit has been created from the libraries of the eight University of California campuses. The exhibit includes books, documents, architectural drawings, blueprints, artifacts, maps and photographs that record the building of the San Francisco Bay Area's bridges. It also includes documents detailing Bay area bridge projects that were seriously considered but never built. Free. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. Doe Memorial Library, University of California, Berkeley. (510) 643-9999.

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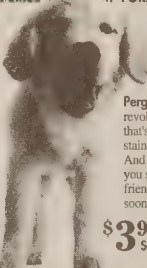
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## Life is grand when you're traveling in 1940 Nash

### Classic Classics

By Vern Parker

Who wouldn't be happy as president of General Motors Corp.? Charles W. Nash, that's who. Nash resigned from that position in 1916 in order to build cars under his own name.

From 1918, Nash automobiles were manufactured and sold, merging in 1955 with Hudson to form American Motors.

Nash suffered through the Great Depression, but by 1940 was on the rebound. Nash built 62,131 cars in 1940. Included were low-price Lafayettes, Ambassadors 6 and Ambassador 8 models.

One of the Ambassador 6 sedans was purchased by Wilford Hardesty in Akron, Ohio. Although he kept the car only two years, it made a lasting impression on his pre-school-age son Von.

Half a century after his father bought his 1940 Nash, Hardesty began searching in earnest for one of his own. He didn't want a 1939 or a 1941 Nash.

After searching far and wide, the son found his 1940 Nash in Maryland late in the summer of 1991. With a trunkback body this next to the top-of-the-line Ambassador 6 had been driven only a scant 50,600 miles and had spent the last two decades stored in a garage. "It was in poor mechanical condition because of the long years of storage," Hardesty ex-



DESIRE FOR 1940 NASH leads man on search that ends successfully in garage in Maryland.

plains. "The body was in excellent condition, except for a few dents." The left front fender had suffered the most damage. Luckily, the previous owner had found a spare fender, which he gave Hardesty.

With a little coaxing Hardesty got the long-dormant, 234-cubic-inch, valve-in-head, six-cylinder engine to come to life.

"It was an oil burner," the new owner declared. "It badly needed rings." Once he got the Nash home, "laying a smoke screen along the way" Hardesty concedes, the first order of business was to tear down the engine.

Everything from the seven main bearings on up was replaced, including rod bearings, pistons and valves.

The three-speed transmission needed no attention, but the clutch did. Hardesty installed a new clutch with an original low-mileage overdrive. "The overdrive kicks in about 65 or 70 mph," he says.

While the overdrive unit may allow the Nash to run with the big dogs on the highway, Hardesty reports fuel economy of about 15 mpg. Fortunately, the gas tank holds 20 gallons. "It doesn't have much pickup, but it has a smooth ride."

Although the car was originally gray, Hardesty wanted a more substantial color. Looking over a chart of the colors that were offered in 1940, he selected a dark blue that seems to fit the car's character perfectly.

The original gray interior survives from the headliner on down. The only exception is the plastic part of the dashboard. "Working with a Nash enthusiast in the Pittsburgh area," Hardesty said, "we were able to mold a reasonable facsimile."

A teardrop-shaped horn button graces the center of the three-spoke steering wheel. Typical of the era, the back-seat passengers were treated to carpeting, while the front-seat passengers made do with rubber floor mats.

With an extremely high prow-like engine hood, access to the engine is somewhat limited and awkward.

Peering down into the engine compartment at the twin-ignition, six-cyl-

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### Drive, She Said



By Denise McCluggage

## Drive like a ball player at bat, always in ready position

I am sometimes a passenger. I like using such times to watch other drivers on the road, especially when I am in a city not my own. National and regional differences do exist and are fun to notice. In some pockets of the universe, most of you will be surprised to learn, direction signals are actually used to mark a driver's intention to change direction. What a concept.

In recent observations I have found little to raise my opinion of drivers. Sometimes I refer to bad drivers as mere wheel holders. But now I notice an increasing number are not even that. My most recent laboratories have been an assort-

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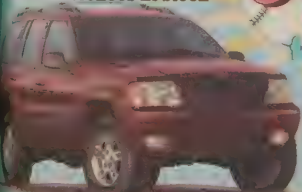
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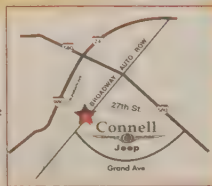
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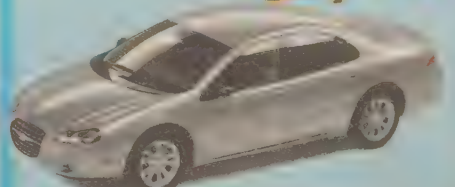
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# Timing belts need replacement over time or mileage

## Ask the Auto Doc

By Junior Damato

**Dear Doctor:** I own a 1992 Plymouth Acclaim with 24,000 miles on it. Two years ago my mechanic has been recommending a timing belt replacement for preventative maintenance. He said the shop manual recommends the timing belt be replaced at 5 years or 60,000 miles. Would you please tell me if this is true? Walter

**Dear Walter:** Your service man is right. The timing belt is a flat thin like a belt that one wears with shoes. The timing belt has many teeth that connect to the camshaft, distributor and pulleys. If the timing belt is subject to timing changes, any oil leaks, dirt and road grime. Timing belts do not crack and break without warning. On some engines when the timing belt breaks the pistons and valves can collide. This would require major engine repair. I would suggest having the timing belt replaced.

**Dear Doctor:** I own a 1990 Pontiac 88 with 80,000 miles. Recently the oil pressure gauge has started to swing erratically. The oil

is full and the engine runs quiet and smooth. Should we be concerned? Diana

**Dear Diana:** Your car has an electric oil pressure gauge. Most often when oil pressure is erratic, the most common problem is the oil pressure sending unit. The cost of replacement is minimal and it should be replaced as soon as possible. If an oil pressure problem did arise and the gauge was erratic, you would not think twice about the pressure reading.

**Dear Doctor:** I own a 1999 Chevrolet Silverado V-6 extended cab. The problem is at speeds from idle to 45 mph, the exhaust header pipes vibrate the floor and gas pedal. The dealer installed damper weights on the exhaust header pipes to lessen the vibration. This did not help. I previously owned two other Chevrolet six-cylinder pickups that were very smooth. Is this truck a lemon? Richard

**Dear Richard:** You are not the first owner of a new six-cylinder Chevrolet pickup to complain about vibration problems. The vibration is due to the balancing, firing order, and design of this engine. I suggest you continue to go back to the dealer for updates from the Chevrolet engineers. A slight vibration is a normal condition.

**Dear Doctor:** I own a 1990 Honda Accord automatic transmission. My problem is on cold mornings after I have driven the car for a while, when I try to take the key out of the ignition, the key will not come out. I have to keep trying to remove it. I had the car checked and they could not duplicate the problem. I also noticed that the shift indicator does not light up in park when the problem is present. What can be the problem? As soon as the weather warms up, the shifter works fine. Could the shifter be freezing up? Sarwar

**Dear Sarwar:** Things like this can sometimes be difficult to find unless the actual problem acts up in the shop. I have seen the floor shifter rust up and bind, as well as binding shift cables. On some occasions the brake shift interlock can also cause shifter problems. I suggest removing the shifter cover to check the shifter for rust. Clean and lubricate as needed. Also check the shift interlock for binding and rust.

**Dear Doctor:** I own a 1992 Dodge Dynasty purchased new. I have always had it serviced at the dealer. After the warranty expired, it seemed that the car started falling apart. The A/C system leaked out all the freon,

and oil seals started leaking. The estimate for repairs was \$1,800. I am retired and live on a fixed income. What would you suggest? Jay

**Dear Jay:** The first thing to do is get a second opinion. I see many Chrysler A/C systems from the early '90s with faulty condensers, and later models with evaporator problems. Oil leaks can be from minor valve covers to major rear main oil seals. You should have the oil leaks repaired, and when you can afford the A/C, have that done as well. Think of it this way, fixing up this car is a lot cheaper than buying another one.

**Dear Doctor:** I have a chance to buy from a friend who is an aggressive driver, a 1995 Ford Aerostar with 60,000 miles, 3.0-liter V-6, automatic overdrive and dual climate controls. My style is much slower and more conservative. If I buy this van, will I be getting myself into a problem in years to come? I would like to keep the van for 100,000 miles. Chuck

**Dear Chuck:** The Ford Aerostar is not on my top 10 list of desirable vans, however, I have clients with well over 100,000 miles on them. If the price is right and you like the van, have your technician check it before you buy it. Engine placement and design in the Aerostar make it difficult to service.

**Dear Doctor:** I own a 1962 Ford Falcon Ranchero. The roof is in poor condition. I would like to make it into a convertible. Is this possible? I have seen many small pickup truck convertibles. Dave

**Dear Dave:** Anything is possible if you have time and money. There are a few companies that make conversion kits for pickups. I could not find any companies that make a kit for your Ranchero. You should check out convertible shops in your area for additional advice on your project. One option you have is an oversized sunroof.

**Dear Doctor:** I have been working on cars at a local shop and am stuck without much opportunity to advance. I would like to know what are the best books and where can I

buy them? Jeff

**Dear Jeff:** Being associated with the media through the newspapers and radio, I get a lot of items to check out and review. Recently I reviewed many books from Delmar Publications. It was a pleasure to read through what I think are the best I have ever seen. The information was endless and the prices very reasonable.

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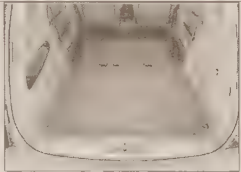
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**Windshield Data:** Arnold Diaz of Television's "20/20" reported that a windshield can be as important to auto safety as seat belts, and anti-lock brakes.

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**Properly installed windshield:** said that the difference between a properly affixed windshield and a poor job can be the difference between life and death. He also noted that some insurance companies often try to steer the customer place that does a cheap job of windshield installation.



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**French Fry Fuel:** A fleet of 120 school buses in Deer Valley County, Arizona, has begun operating on a biodiesel fuel. The fuel is made by mixing diesel with ingredients that include soybean oil used for fast-food fryers. As a result, the buses pollute less than conventional diesels — and the exhaust smells like french fries! Source: Saab & Company magazine.

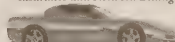
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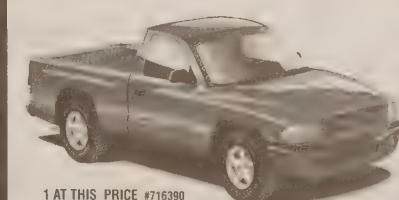
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## Drive

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ment of California freeways — San Diego, Los Angeles, the Monterey Peninsula and Oakland.

I found that an alarming number of motorists are driving by wrist! As a passenger I made my vehicle eligible for the "diamond lane." We swept by the overwhelming number of single-occupant cars, affording me a constant supply of specimens. One line we passed included a young man in a pickup, a woman in a small

sedan, and a middle-aged man in a rental car. All drove in identical poses: left wrist draped over the top of the steering wheel. No right hands visible. In the next vehicle we slid beside, a panel truck with a white-haired man, I spotted a variation. His right wrist was draped over the wheel, no left hand visible.

My eye then darted from lane to lane, spotting even more single-wristed drivers. And a few top grabbers with a fist gripping the 12 o'clock position. Out of scores of cars, I saw no more than five drivers holding the steering wheel as it was meant to be held — with two hands on the rim at either the nine and three, or ten and two o'clock posi-

tions.

True, the draped arm has a place in driving. It's a way to determine if the steering wheel is in the right position for the driver. An arm held straight with just a slight ease at the elbow and a wrist at the top of the wheel means both hands will then fall naturally into place for the actual driving.

How had the development of these varied drivers been stunted at the wrist-drape? I think where they were driving has something to do with it — the freeway.

Limited-access highways are statistically safer than the roadways with vehicles entering and exiting willy-nilly, cross traffic at frequent

intervals and all that general busyness. But something must be said in favor of busyness — it demands attention.

On Interstates and freeways there are by definition fewer exits and entrances. No cross traffic. Traffic moving in the opposite direction does so on a widely separated path or one guarded by heavy-duty barriers. In moderate traffic, the flow is generally steady with a generally constant drone. I go into slow-blink mode just thinking of it.

The draped-wrist-on-the-wheel probably arises from boredom. It is symbolic of a mind idling, draped at ease over something other than driving. Driving in such conditions is

undemanding of attention. It falls to the ingenuity of the individual driver to find something interesting in the scene to keep the mind alert and the body ready for emergencies. A wrist draped over the wheel is not a ready position.

A ready position is one in which you do not have to do anything to get ready. Watch a good athlete, says an outfielder. When the pitcher is ready, he is ready. Maybe a ball hasn't been hit his way for several innings, but he is ready.

He does not stand hip cocked, arms akimbo to see if his services will be needed. Pitch after pitch he is poised ready for the crack of the bat to send him in the proper direc-

tion. He doesn't have centered position in the right direction to start with.

So, too, should a centered position in the long run of the road. What would happen? What would pitcher play such as keep them in the game?

The point is, if you are in the game, ready for anything, your regular position, freeways. Someone when least expected, it



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### GRAND PRIZE WINNER

Bob Burman, right, receives keys to his new car from Jory Hite, president and general manager of McKevitt Volvo. Burman was grand prize winner of a 2000 Volvo V40 at the Ikea store grand opening in Emeryville. The car was provided by McKevitt Volvo and Volvo Cars of North America.

## Classic

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der engine, the most remarkable feature encountered is the Medusa-like distributor cap with a tangle of 13 wires snaking out. Nash had two spark plugs per cylinder.

"It's just a typical old vintage car," Hardesty said modestly. It does have the famous Nash Weather-Eye heating and ventilation system.

The rest of the automotive world caught up with the Weather-Eye system a quarter century later. "It still works today," Hardesty said, "and works well."

Additionally, the push-button radio also functions. Radios with push buttons were relatively new in 1940.

However, the days of the 11-ribbed, rubber-coated running boards were about over, as well as the split rear window, both of which are on Hardesty's Nash.

Each front fender features a

half dozen notches at the rear to simulate louvers. They might have been pseudo-louvers, but they were only found on Nash automobiles.

Another Nash exclusive was the sleeping car option. The back seat folded up and away, allowing, with an optional mattress, a good night's sleep wherever the road ended at sunset.

The seven-year restoration was more or less complete in 1998. The odometer now registers 55,000 miles.

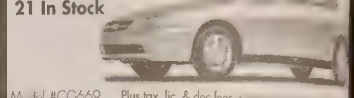
Hardesty has driven his classic on its 6.50x16-inch whitewall tires to two national Nash gatherings with no problems encountered. The first was a 500-mile trip to New Cumberland, Ohio, the other being a 300-mile jaunt to White Plains, N.Y.

Hardesty concurs with a Nash slogan featured in 1940 advertisements: "Every line whispers, 'It's great to be alive.'"

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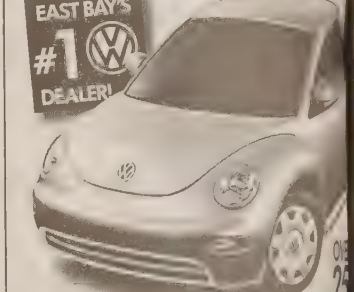
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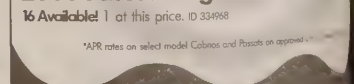
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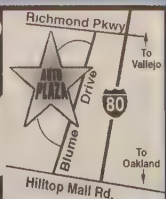
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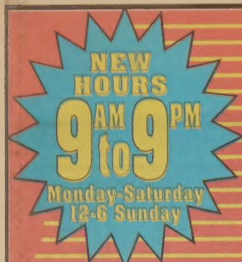
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**\$0 DOWN** UP TO **\$3000 CASH BACK\*** **1.9% APR** UP TO 24 MOS. ON APPROVED CREDIT

#### 2000 DAKOTA QUAD CABS

20 IN STOCK



SAVE **\$2,500** DIRECTLY OFF MSRP

On Every Dakota Quad Cab IN STOCK

\$2500 Discount Includes \$400 College Grad Rebate. (Must Be Recent College Grad Past 2 Years) and \$300 Commercial Rebate (Must Have Valid Business License)

4x4's, Automatics and V8's

#### 2000 DODGE DURANGO



Over 75 Durangos In Stock for Immediate Delivery

Lease For Only **\$299** per mo. Plus Tax

36 mo. Lease: Drive off \$1986 Option to purchase \$11,664 12K per year 1 cent per mi excess mile. Charge on Approval of credit. #116732 one at this payment.

V8, Auto, PS, Air Cond., AM/FM Cass, Plus Much More!

#### 2000 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN



SAVE **\$3,000** DIRECTLY OFF MSRP

50 TO CHOOSE FROM! BLOWOUT SALE On Every Grand Caravan in Stock

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SAVE **\$4,000** DIRECTLY OFF MSRP

On Every RAM QUAD CAB in Stock

Discount Includes \$1000 MFG Rebate + \$400 College Grad Rebate. Must be recent college grad last 2 yrs. \$300 Commercial Rebate must have valid business license.

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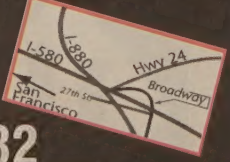
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MSRP \$35,285  
Dealer discount -4100  
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Power Windows/Locks • Power Seats • ABS • Alloy Wheels • Sports Group & Much More

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MSRP \$18,675  
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Factory rebate -2000  
College Grad rebate -400  
NET PRICE \$14,675

#### 2000 COUGAR

Power Windows/Locks • AM/FM Cass Tilt • Cruise • Much More

**\$14,495**



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MSRP \$16,870  
Dealer discount -975  
Factory rebate -1000  
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NET PRICE \$14,495

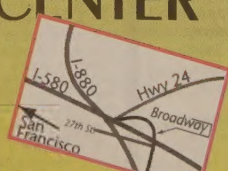
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**\$10,990**



After Retail \$11,990

OR **\$0 Down** PLUS **0% APR** for 36 mos.

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#### 2000 Galant

Automatic, AC, CD, PW, PL & More

**\$15,880**



After Retail \$16,880

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#### 2000 Eclipse

Automatic, AC, CD, PW, PL & More

**\$16,280**



After Retail \$17,280

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Automatic, V6, AC, CD, Pwr Windows & Locks & More

**\$20,280**



After Retail \$21,280

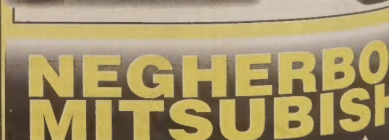
OR **\$0 Down** PLUS **0% APR** for 36 mos.

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